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The Knock Off Brand
by Rabbi Dani Locker

Would you describe the president as being in charge of half the country? What about Roger Goodell as being the commissioner of the AFC? Simba as being the king of a small section of jungle? That would be missing something, and probably disrespectful, too. So listen to this and tell me what you think.

Abraham is hoping that his son Isaac will find the right wife, so he has a serious conversation with his apprentice/ servant/ student/ protege/ lieutenant Eliezer. He charges Eliezer with the mission to seek out and bring back the perfect wife for Isaac. Abraham is so concerned that he find the right girl, that he makes Eliezer swear to him not to bring back a wife from among their Canaanite neighbors. A few questions jump out. First of all, he trusts Eliezer so completely, why make the man swear? Secondly, the oath he makes Eliezer takes is by "the God of the Heavens." Well, that's odd. Abraham and Eliezer know very well that our God is the God of EVERYTHING. The heavens, the Earth, the swimming pools, the malls in the cities and the potato farms in Idaho. Why swear just to the God of the heavens? I know the heavens are big

and Earth is comparatively small, but why leave anything out? Finally, what was Abraham's big problem with Isaac marrying a local girl? Perhaps they weren't great people. But have you met Abraham's relatives in Aram? They were horrible people themselves! Rebecca was an exception to the rule.

I often buy electronics for camp. Digital cameras, mp3 players for the bus, laptops or printers for the office staff, a drone as a prize. If you go to IDK, say wish.com or some other cheapo website, you're bound to find super cool electronics for a fraction of the price of what you'd pay for the Apple or Samsung equivalent. Features? This drone has cool flashing lights, is super lightweight, and flies all the way to the moon. The digital camera? A gazillion megapixels and unlimited battery life. The mp3 player doesn't need controls, it reads your mind and just plays the songs you want. You order them for a surprisingly low cost. They show up and (sometimes) look as cool as you expected. But they don't work. Or they do for about 5 minutes. Some of the higher quality stuff might not look as cool, but they just work well. Their core is fundamentally sound, and so they work, they last and they get what you need done.

As our family in our homeland continues to struggle for our very existence, we dedicate any learning or inspiration gained in this publication to the merit of protection for the hostages and members of IDF.

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Abraham understood that the people of his native homeland were not acting properly. They worshipped foreign gods, were immoral in their relationships and dishonest in business. But he understood that in their core, there was a quality there that could produce a Rebecca. True, they weren't all great and Rebecca was an exception, but the seeds were there. The inherent character traits existed in the family to produce an Abraham and to produce a Rebecca. Whereas the Canaanites (I never can seem to get the spelling right) could never produce a long lasting, quality product.

Abraham uses the term "God of the Heavens" as a reminder that even before he (Abraham) began to spread knowledge of God here on Earth, when God was only known in the heavens, there was already a core of goodness in his family (the descendants of Shem) that could not exist in the descendants of Canaanites.

Remember that the important things aren't the 'flashy' neon mitzvos. It's the internal moral compass, the character traits, the middos that truly define the quality of a person, and will

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which cities mentioned in the Torah have a number as part of their name?

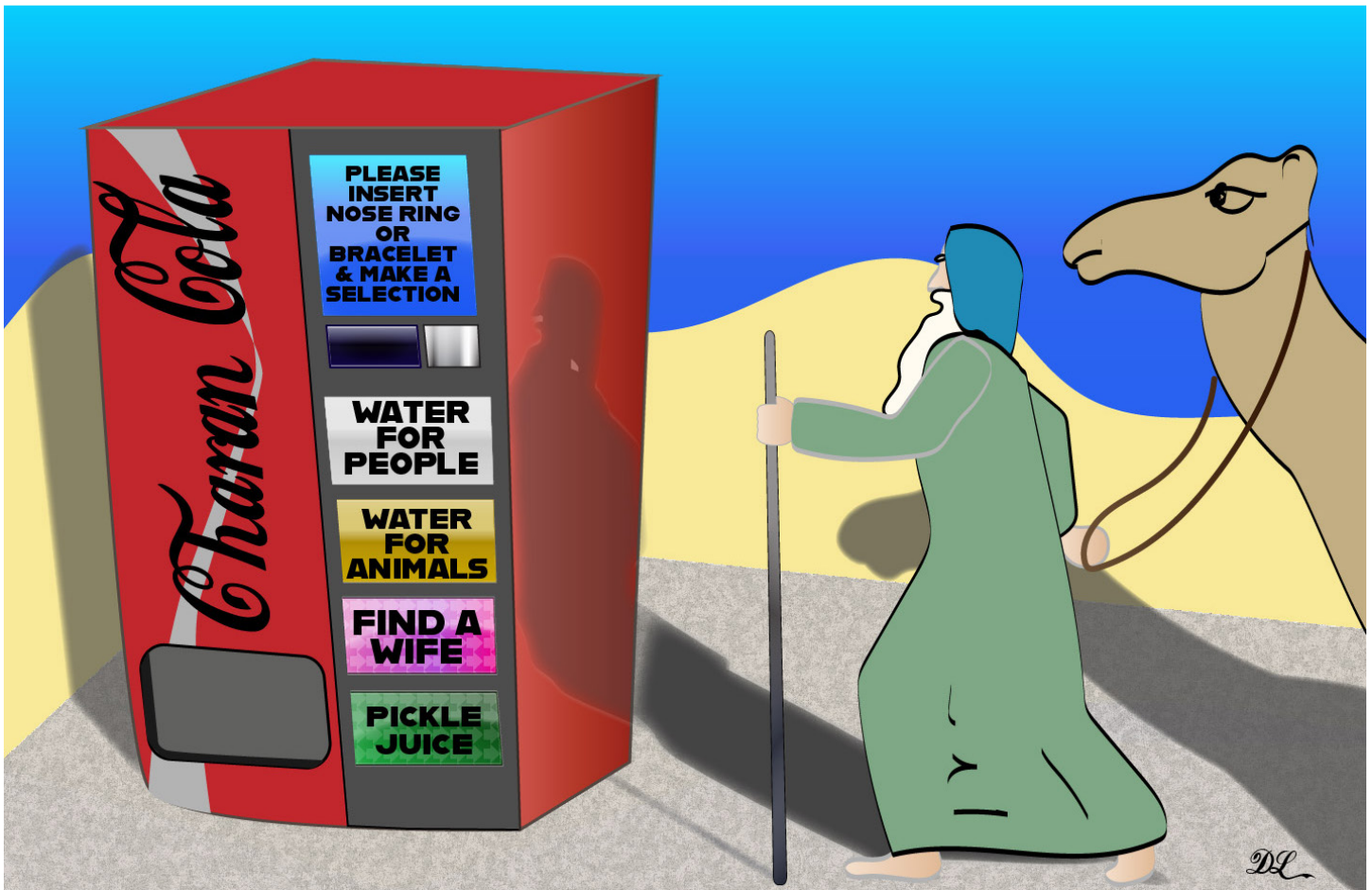
NO CHEATING!
Think before you look at the answer on page 4!

set the stage for raising awesome children.

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2022



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IF A SEAGULL FLIES OVER THE SEA, WHAT FLIES OVER THE BAY?

A BAGEL!

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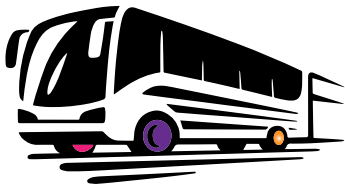


It was an amazing week of pickle making, girls reunion Shabbaton in Las Vegas and meeting up, ice creaming and Kahooting in Arizona!

Upcoming programs, events and assorted other stuff you should know about:

- WEDNESDAY, Nov 15: Park City Jewish Teen Empowerment, Krav Maga- Part 2
- WEDNESDAY, Nov 22: Brian Head Ski Day
- SUNDAY, Nov 26th: CHAPTER WARS #3
- THURSDAY, Nov 30: Israel themed Paint Night, Los Angeles
- THURSDAY, Nov 30: Early Bird ends for Nageela West
- SUNDAY, Dec 10: Shine a Light Park City

Special Shout out to the students on the OLAMI LAUNCH BOYS Utah Retreat this weekend!



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The Torah is the Jewish book of everything. For thousands of years, we've been dividing the Torah into smaller bitesized portions, each called a 'Sidra' or 'Parsha' and reading a portion or two each Shabbos. Most of our Dvar Torah articles are based on the weekly Parsha, so we're thinking about including this as a weekly segment, giving bullet points of what happens in the Parsha of the week. With some side comments thrown in. Please give us feedback!

CHAYEI SARAH

- The parsha's title literally means 'the life of Sarah'.
- After 127 wonderful years, and after raising the incredible Isaac to adulthood, our matriarch Sarah passes away.
- Abraham finds the perfect place to bury Sarah, and names a gas station after its location.
- Abraham pays 400 silver shekels for the burial spot where most of our 'founding fathers and mothers' would eventually be buried. Incidentally, 400 silver shekels is also about the price of a gallon of gas in California (hence the gas station naming. ohhhhhh).
- It's time for Isaac to get married, so Abraham sends his trusted assistant, Eliezer, to select a perfect wife for Isaac. He's told not to choose someone from the local Cananananananites.
- Eliezer does his job [at a] well, and discovers Rebecca, who is kind enough to give water to Eliezer and his camels.



- After some negotiation with Rebecca's father and brother, Rebecca accompanies Eliezer back to Israel to meet Isaac.
- Isaac establishes the afternoon service, known as mincha.
- When Rebecca and Isaac marry, the blessings of Sarah return. They live happily ever after (if you believe that, you haven't learned much Torah).
- Abraham marries Keturah (some opinions say she was actually Hagar) and has a bunch of children.

Abraham send them away with gifts, to make it clear that Isaac is his true heir.

- Abraham passes away at age 175, and is buried by Isaac and Ishmael, who has since changed his ways and improved as a person.

ANSWER

OF THE WEEK

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There are two:
Kiryat Arba
Be'er Sheva

HBD

Happy Birthday wishes to the following Nageela family members:

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