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## Stat-You

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“That was so much fun! We should do this all the time!”  
laughed Q, breathless.

**Q**uerificus Metosioselous Nabarian was a teenager from the Peritian Empire. His friends called him “Q” because his real name was too many syllables.

**Q**and his friends had just run through the entire capital city, trying to escape from the patrolling police officers. That’s not how their night started, though. It had begun when Q showed up at his best friend’s home with a bucket of paint and a huge tub of glitter. As bored teens often do, they had come up with an idea; a bad one.

**T**he ruler of Peritia was a powerful, but fair emperor named... nevermind. There simply isn’t enough room in this publication to type his full name. We’ll just call him The Emperor. An interesting fact about The Emperor is that he usually stayed hidden within his palace, and very few of his subjects had ever seen his face. Anyway, in an attempt to enhance Peritian real estate value, The Emperor had erected hundreds of statues throughout the capital city, and you pretty much couldn’t go anywhere without seeing one of the massive marble faces. It was these statues that Q and his buddies had decided to target in their late night prank. Armed with brushes and the aforementioned paint and glitter, they snuck all over the city and painted a single

moustache and glittery eyelids upon each of the identical marble faces. These defacements (get it, de-face-ments) did not go unnoticed, and soon the police forces of the city were on high alert, looking for the vandals who had caused all the mayhem. Q and his friends had finished the final statue and were now laughing uncontrollably, and enjoying a drink at the local 24 hour pickle juice bar (you knew pickle juice would get into this story somehow, did you not?). Q used his last remaining bit of paint to moustachiate (I do believe I made that word up) one of the pickle jars, and that was his big mistake. A police patrol passing by the pickle bar noticed the laughing teenagers, and entering the brine parlor, saw the moustachioed receptacle. The teens were arrested and brought in to the police station for questioning.

“You are being charged with a serious crime.” Announced an angry looking detective, who coincidentally, had a moustache quite like the ones Q had painted.

“Serious crime?” Q asked, baffled?

“Yup. Extremely serious. Possibly life in prison.” Answered Captain Stache.

“What’s the deal? It’s washable paint! Give me community service or something,

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I'll clean it all off!"  
"It's not about the paint."  
"Ahhh, the glitter. I see. Glitter doesn't ever come off of anything. Ever. Eternally."

"It's not about the glitter either." said Stache.

Now Q was thoroughly Qonfused (see what I did there?) "If it's not about the paint, and it's not about the glitter, what am I being charged with?"

"You're being charged with treason."

"For painting some statues? Treason? Let's be treasonable. I mean, reasonable. Since when is simple vandalism called treason?"

The detective smoothed his moustache and explained. "The 498 identical statues that are spread through the Peritian empire are not just ordinary statues. They are statues of The Emperor. They are an exact likeness of his face. By defacing statues of the emperor, you're actually terribly disrespecting his royal glitteriness. That is treason."

Every human being is a representative of our supreme ruler and creator. That's one of the reasons why the Torah is extremely strict with the rules of Lashon Hara, speaking negatively about people. Sometimes, you might think that a quick insult, telling an unflattering story about someone or complaining about how someone dresses, teaches, plays music or smells is just temporary. It's washable paint. In reality, negative words are more like glitter which is really hard to erase. But more than that, when we make someone else look bad, we're actually insulting God. That's pretty serious.



Querificus Metosioselous Nabarian and his friends failed to realize that defacing the statues was making a statement belittling their emperor. We must not make the same mistake.

So, we've got to always realize that every person we might consider talking about is actually a replica of God, in His image. And never, ever, paint a moustache on a pickle jar.



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# Mitzvah Minute

A quick intro to one of the Torah's 613 commandments

### Source:

**Don't make yourself disgusting with all swarming crawlers....**

**Don't defile yourselves with all crawling things that creep upon the Earth (Book of Vayikra chapter 11, verses 43, 44).**

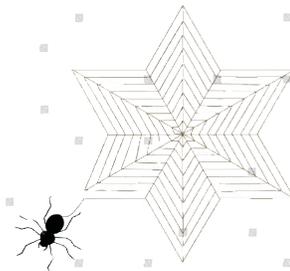
### Details:

- This group of Mitzvos tells us not to eat bugs, insects, arachnids, crustaceans, rodents, amphibians, worms and possibly little green martians.
- There are 4, 5 or 6 different verses in the Torah that forbid various creepy- crawly-things.
- Creepy- crawly- thing is an advanced scientific term (CCT).

- I know a kid who ate a frog once. That would violate these mitzvos.
- In theory, we inhale lots of microscopic creatures every time we breathe (you're all holding your breath now. How cute). This is not a problem. The Torah only forbids eating CCT when they're large enough to see without a microscope or zoom camera.
- Some fruits and many leafy vegetables have bugs hanging around.
- There are special ways to wash and check veggies so you can make sure you're not crunching down on any chitin.
- There are some parts of the world where unfiltered water may have visible CCTs

## Creepy- Crawly- Things

swimming around. In these places, water should be filtered before drinking.



### Lessons:

- ◊ Sometimes really small things can be a big deal. In fact, it's a more serious violation to eat an insect than to eat pork.
- ◊ God wants us to feel special and holy. CCTs are considered disgusting and filthy. Avoiding them is a tool for us to maintain a high level of dignity.
- ◊ We can't worry too much about things that are beyond human ability to see. We just do our best with what we can see.



## Photo of the Week

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Middle School students from around the Phoenix/ Scottsdale area chilling and talkin Torah at Baskin Robbins.

The deadline for Jewish Nevada camp scholarships is this Monday, April 15th! Contact us for more info, or visit [jewishnevada.org](http://jewishnevada.org).

May 1st, Bowling at Lake Tahoe, plus a meeting for parents addressing Anti- Semitism in School.

The second week in May, look out for info on events in San Diego and LA!



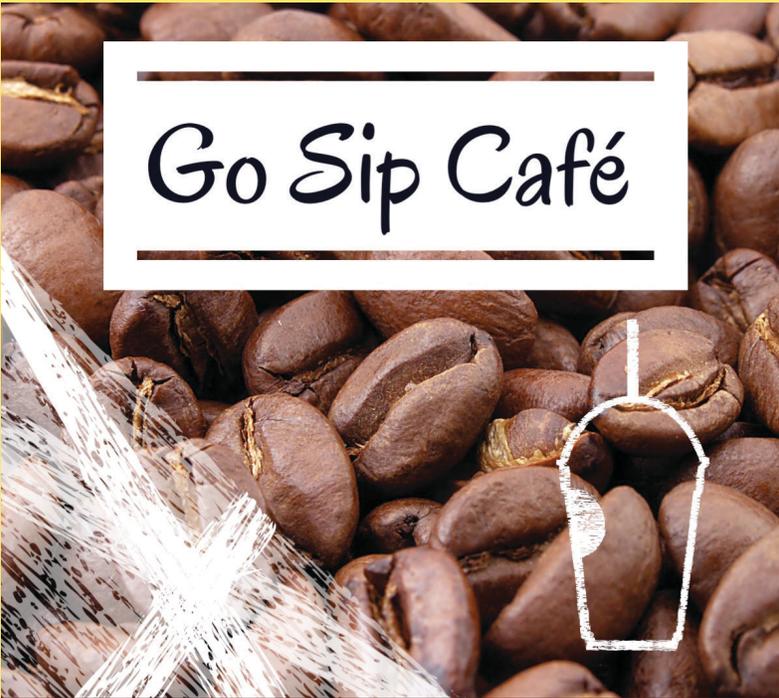
May 19th, save the date for another great Arizona event with Jr. NCSY!

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## Did Jew Know?

You might have heard that all Jews were forcibly expelled from Spain by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in 1492, after decades of persecution. There was a great Portugese Rabbinical scholar named Don Isaac Abarbanel, who worked for the Spanish royalty (he had previously worked for the King of Portugal until the King's death). He offered them a large sum of money to allow the Jews to stay. King Ferdinand almost agreed, but was convinced by Grand Inquisitor Torquemada to get rid of the Jews. Abarbanel was offered by the royal family to stay in Spain, but chose to leave together with his people.



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