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SUKKOS PART 1 - 5785

# נאגאעלא SUKKOS

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DVAR  
TORAH

Holiday Frogs  
by Rabbi Dani Locker

Do you like holidays?  
I'm not talking about our  
fabulous Jewish holidays,

but all the other ones. In our generation the majority of holidays are pretty much just a day off from work or school, and perhaps some of them involve a stuffed bird. Now imagine you live in a time and place where the majority of the people worship pagan religions, sacrificing llamas, burning incense and making odd gestures toward stone statues of frogs.

Hey, totally off topic, but it just occurred to me how much easier idol worship would be with a handy 3D printer. Umm, I'm not planning on 3D printing any gods, please don't worry. But I bet Abraham's Dad, Terach, would've loved that technology.

Speaking of people worshipping statues, there's an interesting rule I came across recently.

According to Jewish law (Mishna Avodah Zara 1:1), Jews may not do business with idol worshippers on or around the day of the false gods' holidays. Why not? We're worried about a couple of things. First of all, if the Jew sells the idolater an animal, that very creature may be sacrificed

upon the altar  
of Barbie, or some  
equally nefarious deity.

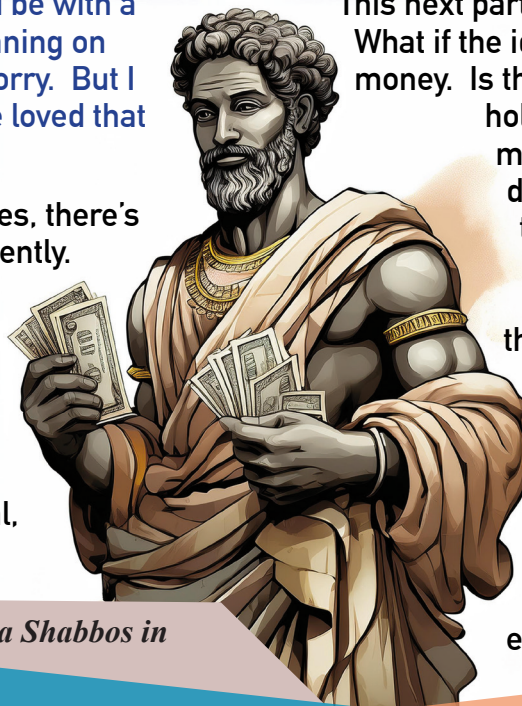
Additionally, if the idolater gets a good deal, they'll pray and thank their patron god at the upcoming holiday, probably at their local Asheira Dollar Tree. We don't want to give them a reason to celebrate. If a Jew owes money to said pagan, it's also forbidden to repay that debt around the holiday celebration. Again, this makes perfect sense, because he'll certainly offer a sacrifice of several gummy worms to his god.

This next part is the interesting part.

What if the idol worshiper owes the Jew money. Is the Jew allowed to collect at

holiday time? As with many, many topics, there's a difference of opinion. But the main, accepted opinion is that the Jew may not even collect a debt from the idolater near his holiday,

because although it's uncomfortable to pay, there's a great joy that comes from being free of debt. While you have an obligation hanging over your head, it's hard to really enjoy anything. It's



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Although it may not be fun to pay someone, there's great joy in the freedom it grants, and we don't want those emotions to bubble over in worshipful gratitude.

One of the great questions about this wonderful holiday of Sukkos is its location on the calendar. Sukkos commemorates events that took place in the spring. So why is it in the fall? Yes, there are a number of good answers. Here's another. Sukkos is supposed to be the most joyous holiday. There's a unique mitzvah to be happy on this holiday. Yet

stressful

to know that you owe.

it's difficult to truly be happy when we know we all have debts. We all owe so much to God that we have not repaid. We've all accumulated further obligations by acting in ways unbecoming of God's holy people (meaning, we all do stuff we shouldn't, so we owe God). Hard to be happy like that. Hard to feel joy when you know you have debts to be paid.

We wait until just after Yom Kippur. What happens on Yom Kippur? We [are supposed to] cancel our debts. We get freedom from the heavy, heavy weight of the things we owe. Only then can we truly enjoy the holiday of joy.

# PICKLE JEWS

by Dani Locker 2024

**GALACTICALLY  
SYNDICATED  
COMIC STRIP**

## THE FOUR SPECIES GET OUT OF HAND...



### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How many times during the year are we biblically obligated to eat?

Answer is on page 4.  
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# MAZAL TOV!!!

TO NAGEELA HEAD STAFF LEGEND  
**RABBI YEHUDA AND ROCHEL LEITER**  
UPON HAVING A BABY GIRL!

AAAAAA

IT'S MATH!

RUUUUUNNNNN!

## Mini Dvar Torah



This is kinda connected to what we wrote about in the dvar torah this weekm so take a look.

When the Torah lists the tragic consequences that can befall us if we don't do the right things (in Parshas Ki Savo) there are NINETY EIGHT things listed. It also says that the main reason for these consequences is because the Jewish people approached Judaism with an extreme sense of 'blah' rather than joy.

There are loads of offerings that were brought in the Holy Temple on Sukkos. Notably, there were NINETY EIGHT lambs. On the holiday made for.. joy! Coincidence? I think not!

Also, the numerical value of SUKKAH סוכה is 91. Add seven days of the holiday... just sayin!

# MAZAL TOV!!!

TO NAGEELA CAMPERS  
**ETHAN AND BELLA KENWOOD**  
WHO CELEBRATED THEIR B'NEI MITZVAH THIS WEEK



Grand chill in the sukkah & hot dogs with hopping, popping, toppings

Sunday, October 20th

4-6 graders at 5:00-6:15pm

7-8 graders at 6:30-8:00pm

the locker's sukkah - 9421 Grenville Ave.

RSVP appreciated at [locker@ncsy.org](mailto:locker@ncsy.org) or 917.613.1037

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**WHICH JEWISH HOLIDAY HITS THE HARDEST?**

**SUKKOS.  
IT'S IN TENTS**

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.  
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DAYS UNTIL  
CNW GIRLS  
2025

272

DAYS UNTIL  
CNW BOYS  
2025

Don't get tooo excited, these are just tentative dates.

OKAY, get CRAZZZZY EXCITED!!!! YEAH!!!!



# DEEP DEEP THOUGHTS

The best way to sound like you know what you're talking about... is to know what you're talking about.

Yo, whatcha lookin at?  
You gotta think first!

## ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 2

- On the 3 festivals to fulfill "And you shall rejoice in your festival."
- The day before Yom Kippur
- First night of Passover we must eat matzah.
- First night of Sukkos we must eat in a Sukkah.

# OUR 15<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER IS IN THE BOOKS!

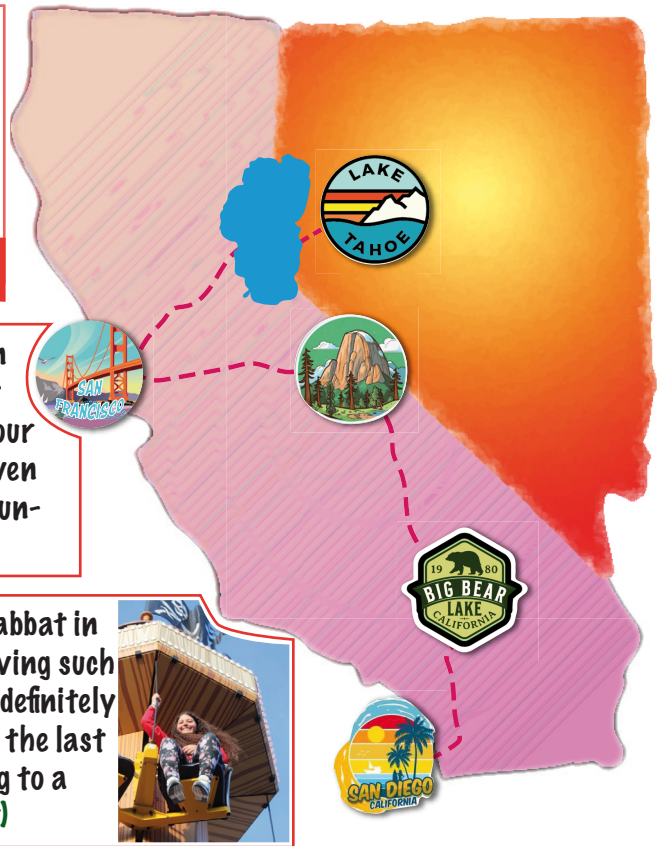
## NAGEELA NOTES:

Camp Nageela West campers share some of their memories of summer 2024



My highlight of Nageela was biking across the Golden Gate Bridge! At first we didn't think we would make it all the way, it was a 10 mile journey! But we pushed our limits and discovered that it wasn't so difficult. We even got to ride an awesome ferry back that included a stunning view of San Francisco. - **Ruby (1st year camper)**

My favorite memory from camp this summer was the third Shabbat in San Diego. Everyone was on a high after a day of surfing and having such a great time singing, dancing, and lots of fun overall. You could definitely feel how the atmosphere changed from the first day of camp to the last few days. We had grown so close and knew as camp was coming to a close that we would miss it so much. - **Aurelia (5th year camper)**



# HBD

Happy Birthday wishes to the following Nageela family members

- David Elmaleh
- Ethan Kenwood
- Isabella Kenwood
- Reece O'Brien
- Shaye Jaget
- Samuel Katz

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4 sessions

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OCT 30, NOV 6, NOV 13, NOV 20  
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