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Don't Worry, Bee Happy

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I thought I had a good Rosh Hashana invention. Apple flavored falafel balls. We could sing all about dipping felapple in the hummus. Felapple is not a good invention. I know this because, well... because even I haven't tried it, and that is saying something! So we'll stay away from the ground chic peas dipped into the other ground chic peas, for now at least. Another possible breakthrough food for Rosh Hashana was dipping asparagus into a kale, chia seeds and spirgyra smoothie. Maybe I'll take that one to Shark Tank. For now, let's stick with actual Rosh Hashana foods. You probably know of some foods we DO have a custom to eat on Rosh Hashana. Probably the best known is apples with honey. You might also know that the

reason behind it is to help us focus on the positive thought of having a sweet year. This aids in our prayers and in our confidence. One interesting question though; why honey?

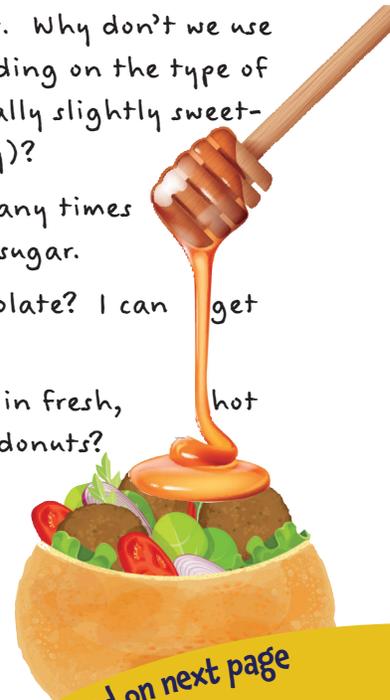
Sugar is sweet. Why don't we use sugar (depending on the type of sugar it's usually slightly sweeter than honey)?

Sucralose is many times sweeter than sugar.

Why not chocolate? I can get behind that.

Dip the apple in fresh, hot Krispy Kreme donuts?

The truth is, if you prefer other sweet things to honey, that's



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DID JEW KNOW?

The word "Shofar" actually means "hollow." That's why a bull's horn can't be used. Only a horn that has soft marrow that be hollowed out, like a ram's, may be used.

fine. Yet the use as honey almost universally holds a lesson. Honey is made by bees. Bees sting. Stings hurt. I've never gotten stung by a cocoa bean, but I don't imagine it's that painful. Here's a lesson of honey. We wish for sweetness, and we realize that sometimes the sweetest outcomes come with difficulty or pain at first. We are not hoping, asking, praying for a life of perfect comfort, because that isn't what brings the happiness. We pray for a life of awesometastic happiness, which sometimes includes getting stung a bit.



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So enjoy your honey, bee stings and all, and may God grant us all a joyous and sweet year, and may everything bee great!

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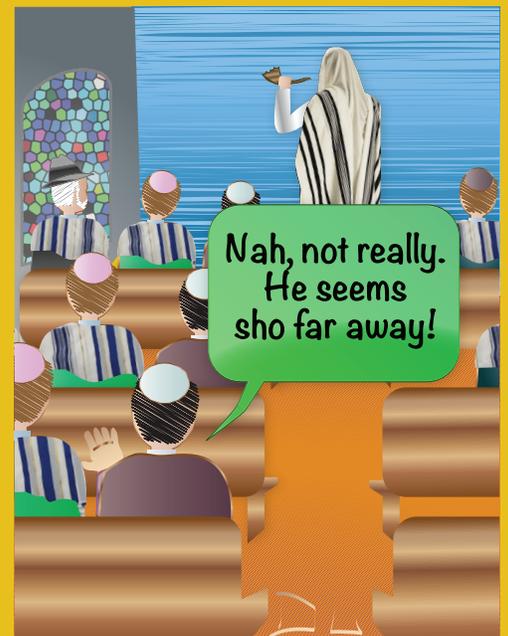
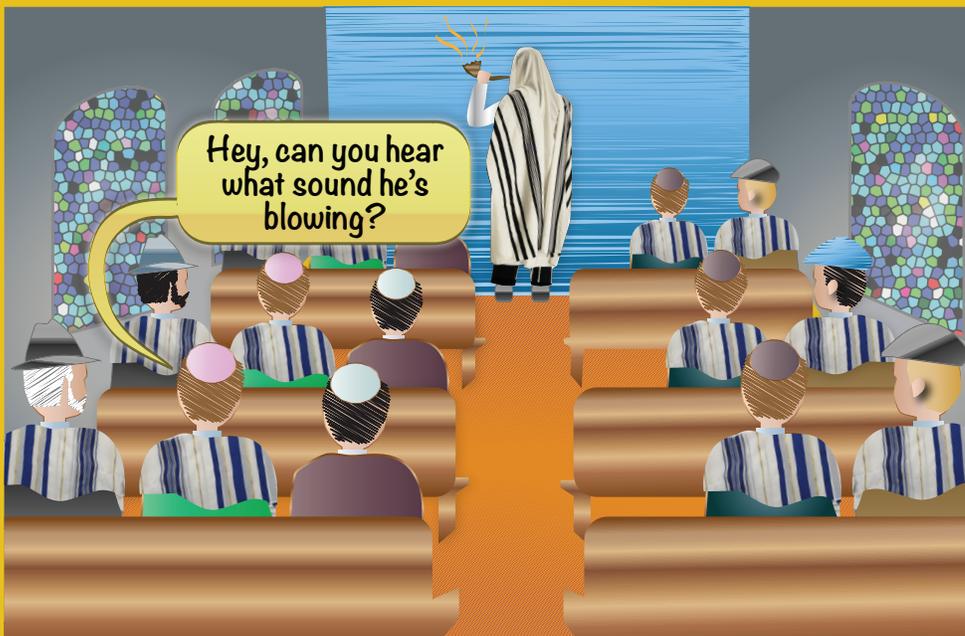
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Note: We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way.

Stump the Rabbi



#179 New Year's's's

Hi Rabbi,

Head of the year. Jewish New year. Birthday of the world. I. Don't. Get. It. There's all this talk about Rosh Hashana being the Jewish new year, but it's not, is it? I learned about the Jewish months, and Nissan (the Passover month) is the first month of the year. Rosh Hashana isn't even in the first month, but the 7th!!! How can it be the new year if it's not even in the first month?

Thanks,

Cal Ender



Dear CalEnder,

Do you go to school? I know that when I went to school, I always thought of the year as the school year. January 1st meant little to me (since I work with students, it still means little to me). If it was September of 7th grade, and we were talking about our 6th grade trip, we talked about it as 'last year' even though they were both in the same calendar year. Is that the same way you think about dates? Probabababably. It's not just a school thing. Some people in business think of the year in terms of their company's fiscal year (I'm pretty sure fiscal is a fancy word for 'boring'). Baseball fans view April 1st as the beginning of the year. If you're part of the Australian Aboriginal tribe of Murador, you probably celebrate new years on October 30th. Are you Aboriginal? Probababably not. My point is that there can be

different 'New Year's's's (wait, how do you say New Years in plural? New Year'ses? Newss Year? Sne'w Yea'r?) celebrated for different purposes. The most basic New Years event most of us celebrate is our birthdays! They are the celebration of the start of a new year of life for us. January first is the celebration of a new solar cycle.

So what about the different Jewish new years celebrations? The Talmud tells us there are actually four different new years. September 1st is the new year for Hogwarts students... oh, did I get the wrong mishna? Nissan, as you mentioned, is considered the first month. We Jews started keeping track of our own calendar in Nissan, as we were about to leave Egypt so many years ago. It is the anniversary of the birth of our nation (I accidentally typed 'broth' of our nation, which might explain matzoh ball soup on Passover). Therefore it is used in Jewish law for legal documents, royal proclamations and such. Tu B'shvat (which comes near the end of winter) is

WHEN SIGN MAKERS GO ON STRIKE, WHAT IS WRITTEN ON THEIR PICKET SIGNS?

deep thoughts



juices inside trees start flowing (prettttty sure that's how apple juice is made) so it's considered the new years for trees (the trees all get party hats) so tree- related mitzvahs are connected to that date. Rosh Hashana is different. It's the birthday of mankind. It's when OUR journey as people started. Therefore, it's the day when we receive our allotment of blessings for the year. It's the day when God signs our contract extension and says, "You can have this much health, this much money and this much success in all areas to work with this year." I wish you a (S)new year(s) filled with blessings, health, and lots of matzoh ball soup!

SHANA TOVA!!!

the Rabbi



I wanted to make a change for Rosh Hashana. I decided to quit all my bad habits!

Then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

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