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DVAR TORAH

What belongs on the list of
greatest hits?

Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen

Hey Jude by the Beatles

Psalm 23 by King David and co.

Baby Shark Tank by Mark Cuban

Penguin Party Anthem by Morgan Freeman

The Ballad of the Pickle Pickers by Edgar Allen Poe

Octopus Hokey Pokey by Taylor Quick

You know what doesn't belong on a list of greatest hits?

Your parents.

You should not hit your parents.

You also should not curse your parents. Interestingly, while the Torah tells us we're not allowed to do either of those things, hitting or cursing parents, the penalty is actually harsher for cursing a parent than for hitting one. Does that strike you as

odd? Maybe 'strike' isn't the best word to use in this context, but you know what I mean. Surely hitting your parents is more disrespectful than cursing them, isn't it? So why is the Torah stricter about cursing?

Have you ever seen warning signs that seem unnecessary?

"Caution: Contents may be hot when heated." Gee, thanks for that, Einstein.

"Employees must wash hands after using the bathroom." Wait, just employees?

"May contain nuts." On. A. Package. Of. Nuts.

You know what kind of warning sign I've never seen? "Caution, do not use the Death Star to blow up planets." "Warning. Do not attempt to jump out of plane without parachute."

I think it's fair to say that the Death Star is more dangerous than hot ramen (which was not built with an engineering flaw). Yet we all get that warnings are for things that are likely to be a prob-



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lem. People may unthinkingly chug a food item without paying attention to the temperature, or down a snack without checking the ingredients. People are somewhat less likely to self-defenestrate during a flight (except perhaps on Alaska Airlines flights), hence fewer warning labels.

The way we relate to our parents is a gateway for the way we relate to our ultimate parent, God. Cursing our parents can lead us to a lack of respect for their authority and that can certainly lead to a disrespectful regard of God, and perhaps even to cursing God. Not cool. Hitting a parent, although terrible, won't have as serious an effect on our interactions with God, since you can't hit God.

As another hit song suggests, You can't touch This.

It's important that we think, not just about our actual actions, but also about the results and ripple effects of our actions.

MAZAL TOV!!!

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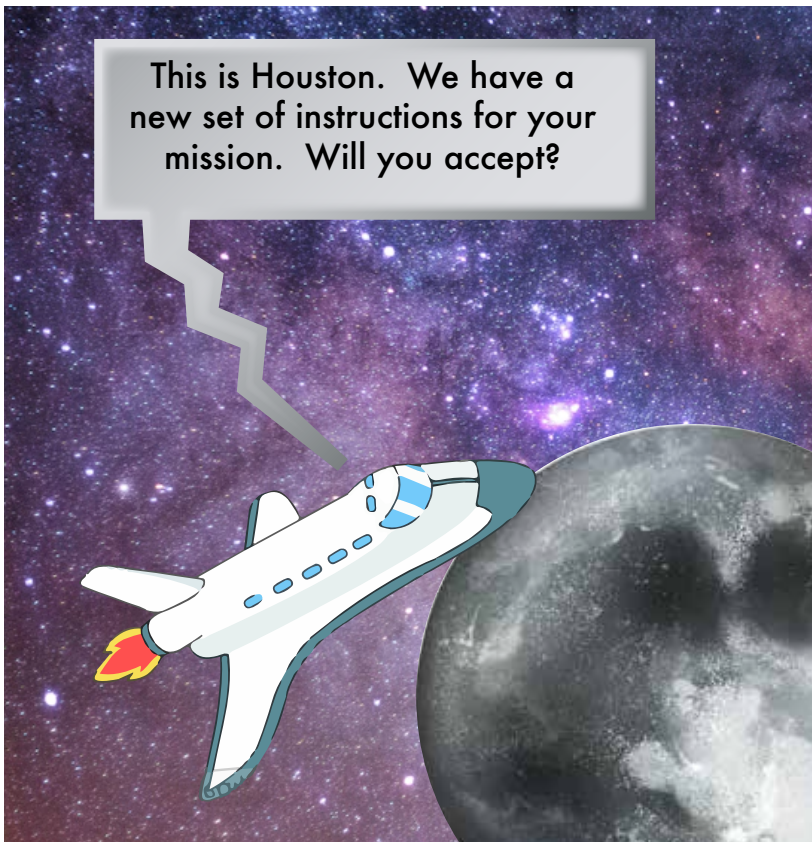
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PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED
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by Dani Locker, 2024



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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!

PARSHAS MISHPATIM

So now we have a Torah. What do we do with it?

- Immediately after we learn about the episode of the Jewish people receiving the Torah at Sinai, the Torah records many detailed rules, mostly regarding other people and their property
- A Jew can become a slave to another, Jew, but only for a period of 6 years. If he wants to stay longer, there's a ceremony which involves a doorpost and an ear piercing, and then he stays enslaved longer
- A bunch of rules are given describing different penalties for killing someone, for accidental murder or for injuring another person
- The Torah gives the details of what happens when one person's property damages someone else's. Like if your pet potato burns down someone's pineapple. Or if your ostrich gores someone else's armadillo. The Torah uses different examples, but you get the idea. Also, arson, theft and other delicious desserts
- **Who watches the watchmen? The Torah does, telling us the responsibilities of people who are hired or who volunteer to watch stuff.**
- **The Torah requires us to return lost items to their owners, if we can figure out who they belong to.**
- **We're also obligated to help people unload their donkeys or Uhauls, even if we don't like the person. That Uhaul never did anything to you!**
- **The Torah then returns to the story of Mount Sinai, describing Moses' trip up the mountain and some of the preparations the nation undertook**
- **It is clearly described that the entire Jewish nation sees the presence of God**
- **Moses goes up the mountain where he stays for 40 days and 40 nights, on a free vacation voucher he got by donating his car to Kars 4 Kids**
- **God tells Moses that He will give him two stone tablets, and the Torah**
- **Moses puts Aaron (his brother) and Chur (his nephew) in charge until he gets back**

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CONGRATS TO ELIAN GUAKIL PHOENIX, AZ who was voted this past week the new President of the West Coast region's Jewnior NCSU. Congrats to Emma fael who was voted Vice President.

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No Such
Thing as too
much Desert**



**stump the
rabbi**

StumptheRabbi

is a forum where kids can

ask ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Note & Disclaimer: 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.

The answers here should not be taken as halachic decisions. You should always ask a competent Rabbi personally.

Hi Rabbi,

God could have chosen anywhere to give the Torah to the Jewish people. Why was it given in the middle of the desert? Why not in Israel?

Thanks,
Cathryn Low

Dear Low, Cate

Cool question! It's true God could have given the Torah anywhere, and perhaps giving it in Israel would have lent more holiness to the event. So why give it in the desert? Actually this question is asked in the Talmud, and there are a number of answers given. The talmud says that God was teaching us a lesson. A person must make himself 'like a desert' in order to properly receive the Torah. This means either that he must be humble like the desert which gets stepped on, or one must make the Torah accessible to all, with no boundaries, gates or limitations on whom may enter.

I find this to be a fascinating concept. Whether or not you succeed in math class isn't affected much by what your personality is, or how kind or humble you are. Yet Torah study isn't math (thank God). Being humble, and having other positive character traits actually has a very real, measurable impact on how successful we are in Torah study and the absorption of God's wisdom.

Here's another idea based on a true story I made up: I used to do a lot of work at a Coffee shop, and of course, I made sure to get the Wifi password. Then

one day, my schedule changed and I found myself going to a completely different place to work. I realized I didn't need that password in my new location. Israel is so important to Judaism it's easy to make the mistake and think that Judaism only applies in Israel. In truth, there are certain commandments (many of them) that only applied when our nation was living in the land, with our holy temple. Had the Torah been given to us in Israel, it would have reinforced the idea that all the commandments are based on our living in Israel. If you move out of your regular coffee spot, you don't need the wifi password anymore. Likewise, the Jewish people might have thought that the Torah does not apply outside of Israel. Say in Nevada or Gibraltar. God's giving us the Torah in the desert sends a clear message. Judaism and the Torah are relevant EVERYWHERE. If a Jew is in Jerusalem or Dubai, Paris, New Orleans or Zimbabwe, it doesn't matter. The Torah is vital and relevant to us.

What's the most important location in the universe? Wherever Jews are studying Torah.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

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We'd like to add more classes for middle scholars and teens:
Locally or on ZOOM?
What topics?
What days and times?
Hebrew Reading?
Parsha?
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Different content in Nageela Shabbos?

90%

of statistics are made up and just added to look cool

60%

of Jews have never heard of Camp Nageela West. OK, maybe even more.



please email us at info@nageelawest.org and tell us what you want!

WHAT'S THE DILL? WEIRD THINGS JEWS DO

WHY DO SOME JEWS KEEP A WASH BASIN NEAR THEIR BEDS?

DURING A PREVIOUS EPISODE WE DISCUSSED THAT JEWS WASH OUR HANDS EVERY MORNING BEFORE DOING ANYTHING ELSE.

ACCORDING TO MANY OPINIONS, THIS WASHING SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE EVEN TAKING A FEW STEPS, SO PEOPLE LEAVE A WASH BASIN WITH A CUP NEAR THEIR BEDS, SO THEY CAN WASH IMMEDIATELY UPON GETTING OUT OF BED.

OTHER OPINIONS SAY THAT AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THE BUILDING IT'S OK TO WALK TO THE SINK. HOWEVER HANDS SHOULD CERTAINLY BE WASHED BEFORE GETTING DRESSED, BRUSHING TEETH, ETC.



Fun (and sticky) times in Las Vegas this week, as our Jewniors competed to make the best rice krispy treats and mocktails!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Milk and meat are permitted when they are separate, but forbidden when together. Can you think of three other things that are permitted when separate, but forbidden when together?

Answer is on page 6.
DON'T CHEAT!

**DEEP
DEEP
THOUGHTS**

Someone's face can really tell you a lot.
Especially the part of the face we call
a mouth.

**ANSWER
OF THE WEEK**

QUESTION ON PAGE 5

1. The Torah forbids using an ox and a donkey to plow together, although using either one by itself would be fine. We may eat different types of fruit, but we may not cross-breed or graft them. It's cool to wear a wool suit, or linen, but not together.

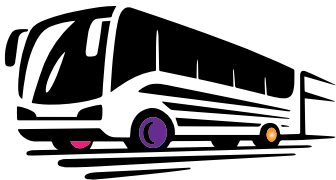
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REPORTER:
"SOLDIER, HOW DID YOU ESCAPE
THE WAR IN IRAQ?"

SOLDIER:
"IRAN!"

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