



and over and over and over and over and over. Steph Curry knows how to shoot a basketball kinda good, right? Did you know that he still takes 300-500 practice shots a day? Doing something over and over reinforces muscle memory and makes the act perfect and instinctive. There's a quote that's become popular recently: "Amateurs practice until they get it right. Professionals practice until they can't get it wrong."

**If you haven't gotten it the first 8 times, is it really going to make a difference?**

able to face the adversity that we will certainly experience through our lives. This should also help us appreciate that when it comes to moral or spiritual learning, it's not enough to just read a book, hear a lecture and know something. In order to KNOW it, it's got to be repeated until we can't get it wrong.

We need to be pros at life. If we see bread falling from the sky, we can be inspired and recognize God. But there are also days when it's hard to see God's hand. There are battles (literal and figurative) that make life, faith and trust difficult. We needed 40 years of practice to develop the muscle memory to be

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**FLIPPING OUT AT THE LAS VEGAS JEWNIORS KICKOFF EVENT THIS MONDAY!**

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHERE IN PARSHAS KI SAVO DOES THE TORAH 'HINT' TO ONE OF THE SPECIAL FOODS (SIMANIM) WE EAT ON ROSH HASHANA?

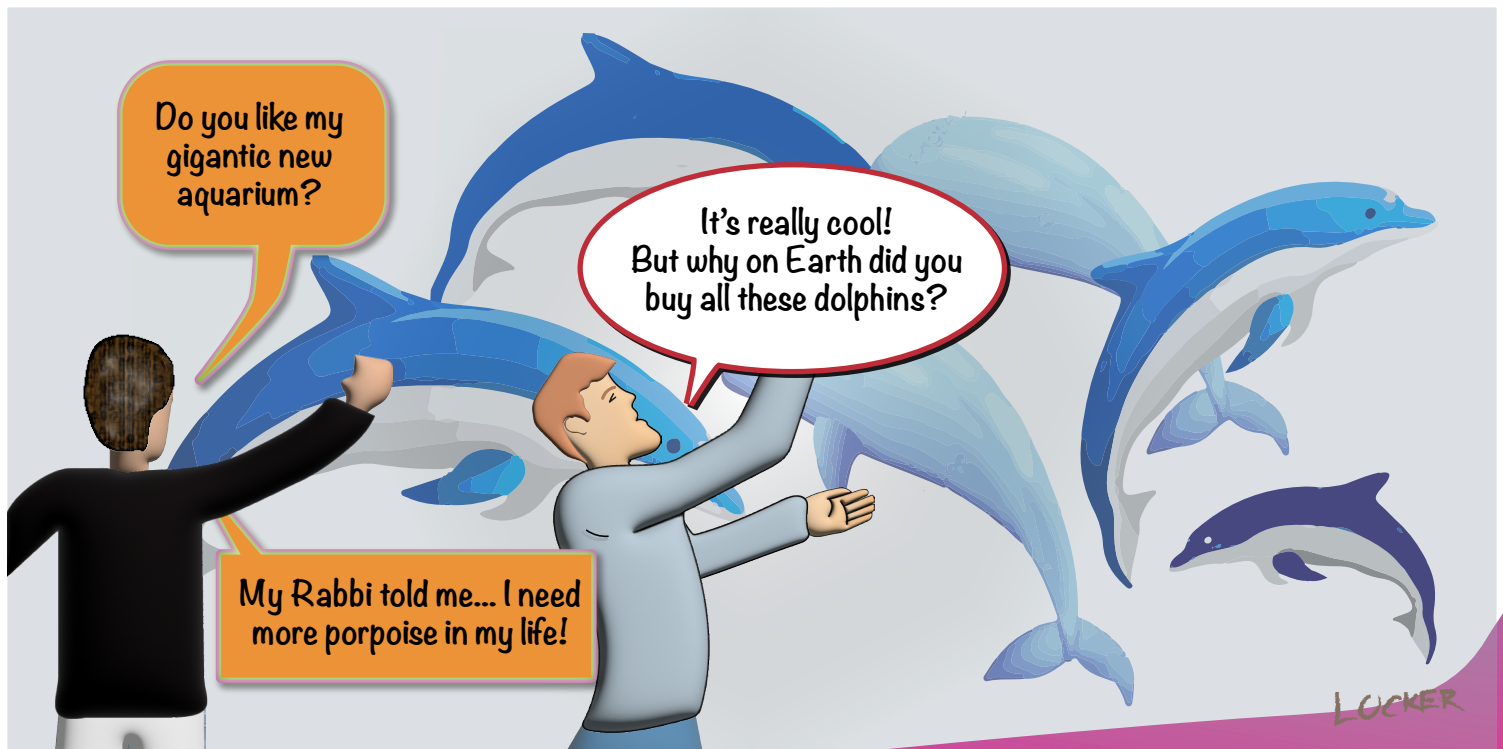
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ANSWER ON PAGE 4

# PICKLE JEWS

## GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2023



# STUMP THE RABBI

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to [stump@nageelawest.org](mailto: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.

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True Story

Hi Rabbi,  
**How important is telling the truth? I know it's usually bad to lie, but are there ever times when it's OK? Or people who it's OK to lie to?**

Thanks,  
Emmet T Ruth

Dear Emmet,

Let me tell you a true story I made up: Jimmy is playing on the swing one fine, sunny day when his father stalks up to him, furious.

"Son..." He rumbles. "Who pushed the truck off the cliff? Tell the truth now."

"Dear father. I don't know anything about the truck."

The father is skeptical so he asks again, receiving the same answer from his son.

"My dear son, let me tell you a story. When George Washington was a boy, he chopped down a cherry tree. His father asked him if he chopped down the cherry tree. George said, "Honorable father, I can not tell a lie. I chopped down the cherry tree." And George's father was not mad, because his son was honest. George went on to become the president of the United States of America.

So now, son, I will ask you one last time to tell the truth. Who pushed the truck off the cliff?"

The son, inspired by the story, stands up straight and looks his father in the eye as he says, "Dear father. I can not tell a lie. I pushed the truck off the cliff."

The father is enraged and gives the son a spanking like he's never felt before.

"But father..." Jimmy gasps in between sobs. "You told me... George... Not tell a lie... father proud... why... why are you so angry?"

"Jimmy..." his father explains... "George Washington's father was not in the cherry tree."

The moral of the story is that it's always good to tell the truth... except sometimes it isn't.

Also, don't park your truck near a cliff... There are people who connect so strongly to the value of honesty that they believe it beats out any other value. There are those who don't even bother with the truth, exaggerating and lying like it was nothing. So what DOES the Torah say about truth? Clearly we're big fans of truth. "Stay away from falsehood" (Shemos 23:7) is a concept we take very seriously. There are many, many statements across biblical literature and Talmud talking about how



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WHEN WILL THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN?

# DEEP THOUGHTS

**YOU CAN GET A WITHDRAWAL HEADACHE WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CAFFIENE. BUT THE THE CHEMICAL WITH THE WORST WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS IS PROBABLY OXYGEN.**

important truth is. But not always! The tricky parts in life aren't usually about deciding whether you should beat up an old lady or not (the answer is not, btw). It's usually a battle between conflicting values. It's important to tell the truth, but what if the only way to keep peace is by lying? What if a lie will save someone's life, or prevent feelings from being hurt? The Talmud tells us that if you go to a wedding, you should tell the groom that the bride is beautiful. Even if it's not true. It goes even further, talking about regular people buying regular stuff. If your friend buys something... say a new bike. If he can't return it, you should just tell him it's awesome (if it's a bad purchase and there's a return policy,

then you should try to help him by telling him what a pointless, unintelligent rip-off scam he got suckered into). You're lying, but you're doing it to preserve someone's dignity or feelings. Another exception the Talmud describes is for humility. If someone asks you how much Torah you know, it's OK to understate your knowledge and say you don't know so much. Again, we see that although honesty is an important value, humility can win out. Keep in mind that it's important to balance these ideas and not use them as an excuse to lie when it's convenient. Me? I don't lie. I only make up true stories...

**Have a Nageela Shabbos,**

*The Rabbi*

## ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 2

**HEY! STOP! THINK FIRST. NO PEEKING!**

ON ROSH HASHANA, MANY HAVE A CUSTOM TO EAT THE HEAD OF EITHER A FISH OR A SHEEP, AND THE PRAYER SAID IS THAT WE SHOULD BE A HEAD AND NOT A TAIL. ONE OF THE BLESSINGS MENTIONED IN "YOU WILL BE A HEAD, AND NOT A TAIL." (13:82)

**LOLZ**

**I WANTED A PET HORSE, BUT MY MOTHER WANTED SOMETHING SMALLER. SO INSTEAD, I GOT A LIZARD.**

**HE'S NOT JUST SMALLER... HE'S MY NEWT!**

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. SEND YOUR JOKES IN TO [DLOCKER@NAGEELAWEST.ORG](mailto:dlocker@nageelawest.org)

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PARK CITY KICKOFF OCT 8**

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@ Zucker Jewish Academy  
10100 Banbury Cross Dr.

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5:00-6:00pm

**M.S. TEEN NIGHT**  
7-8 grade  
6:00-7:15pm



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Happy Birthday wishes to the following:  
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Shai Malka  
Yitzchak Rambod  
Rome Eden  
Ollie Kusnier**



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