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Self Demolition

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Ever wonder what the best job in the world is?

Pickle maker is second place (right after pickle taster, of course).

What was the best job to have in the early days of the Jews entering and living in Israel?

Choice A: Shofar horn cutter. Without power tools, this job was difficult and in high demand.

Choice B: Farm tool builder. An entire nation had just traveled through the desert, and they probably didn't have room for plows in their carry-on luggage. Now many of them had farms and probably needed tools.

Choice C: Demolition expert. Hear me out:

As the Webrews (the rest of the world called us Hebrews, so for us it's Webrews- am I right?) came close to conquering the Land of Canaan, lots of the locals were scared and decided to run. They couldn't take all their money with them, and their banks didn't accept

mobile deposits, so it was trending to hide all the money in the wall safe (meaning it was in the wall, and therefore it was safe). They hoped that some day they would be able to return and claim their stash (and probably use it to shop at Wall Mart).

Miraculously, when the Webrews entered Israel, the houses started getting discolored, and were diagnosed with tzara'as. Last week we talked about tzara'as as a skin disease that people could get. Very unlike a typical skin disease, this one could be caught on houses or clothing as well. The Kohen (who acted as a doctor for tzara'as) would make a house call and part of the cure was

to smash the wall open and replace the bricks. By doing this,

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Candle lighting

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the treasures were re-
vealed, the Jews be-
came wealthy and Wall
Mart had a several thou-
sand year opening delay.

Either way, wall demolition
HAD to be a good career!

First of all,
so many
houses
needed

breaking. Secondly, once you had succeeded,
the owners, having just found oodles and oodles
of money (oodles must be a currency somewhere)
were sure to pay generously.

My point? What's my point? Oh, yeah. Totally
forgot there's supposed to be a point. Think about
it. The treasures were hidden in their own homes.
Perhaps some of them were revealed right away,
and maybe it took years for others, yet the value
was there all along. The same thing applies to us.
Every. Single. Person. Is a treasure and has value
within them. You might not see your value right
away, and sometimes it takes a little demolition to
help it come out, but it's there. You are a treasure.

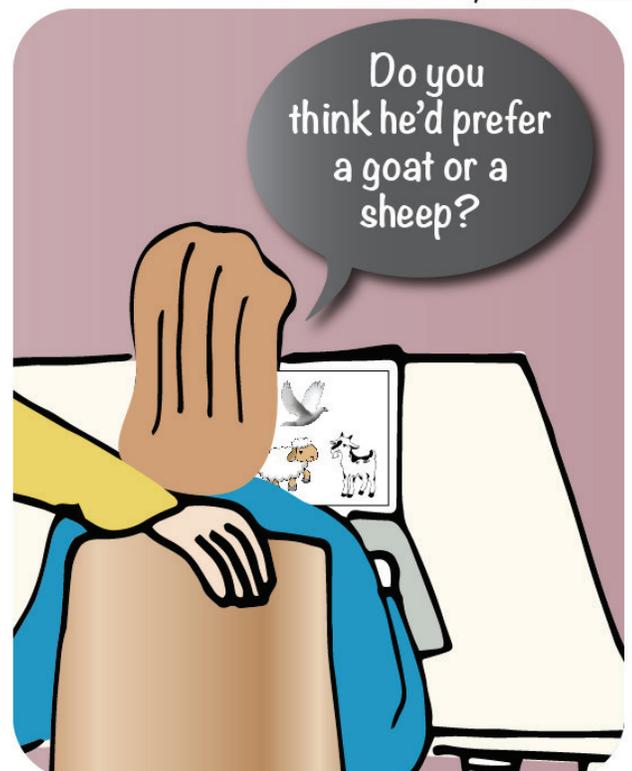
YOU are the treasure!

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PICKLE JEW

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2022



Taking practical lessons from the Torah, Millie decides to apologize with animal offerings

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

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

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

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.



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String Theory

Hi Rabbi,

Would you please explain tzitzis to me? I see strings sticking out everywhere, and then I also see a tallit that people sometimes wear. What's the purpose, and what's the difference between them? Also, why do some of them have racing stripes? And why do some people have blue strings, but not others?

Thanks,
Tanya Alice Kattan

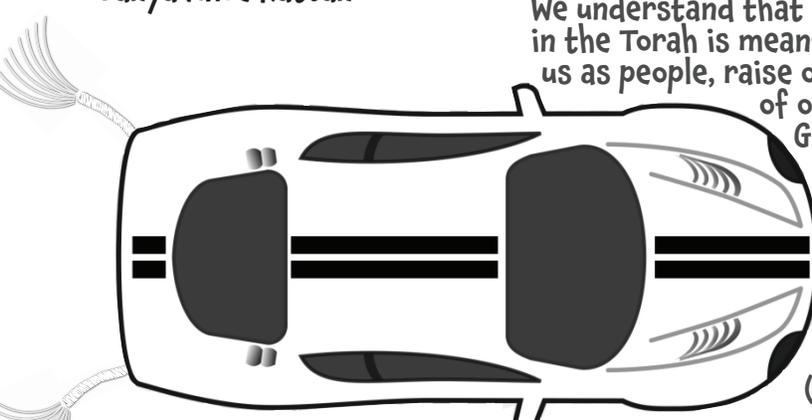
Dear T Alice Kattan,

Have you ever been to an Imax theater? Sure, you can watch a movie on your phone and enjoy it. The idea of Imax is an immersive experience. You're surrounded by sound so that it feels like you're actually in the action. The seats vibrate, the screens wrap around, and every part of it is meant to help you feel enveloped. If you've been to the Grand Canyon Visitor Center you know what I'm talking about. It feels like you're flying through the canyon. That's what tzitzis are.

We understand that every mitzvah in the Torah is meant to better us as people, raise our awareness of ourselves, of God, of other people or help us learn the lessons of history. Mostly they are through speaking (blessings,

Torah study, prayer), eating (matzah) or doing stuff (shaking a lulav, giving charity). Tzitzis are a mitzvah that we wrap around our entire body. If you've seen someone putting on a tallis (a full sized one, not a scarf with strings), it gets wrapped around the head, shoulders and back, completely, at least for a moment. This is meant for us to remember God and His instructions, not by simply mentioning them, but by surrounding ourselves in them.

Now that we've discussed the 'why,' here's a little on the 'how.' Whenever a Jew has a piece of clothing that has 4 corners, tzitzis (those are the strings) should be tied on to the corners. The common custom is for a small garment to be worn all day (this is technically called a tallis kattan, or small tallis and is also just referred to as tzitzis) and for a larger garment to be worn during prayers. They are the same mitzvah, it's only the customs that vary regarding when, who and how. For example, I did not start wearing a tallis during prayers until I was married, which is the same custom most of my



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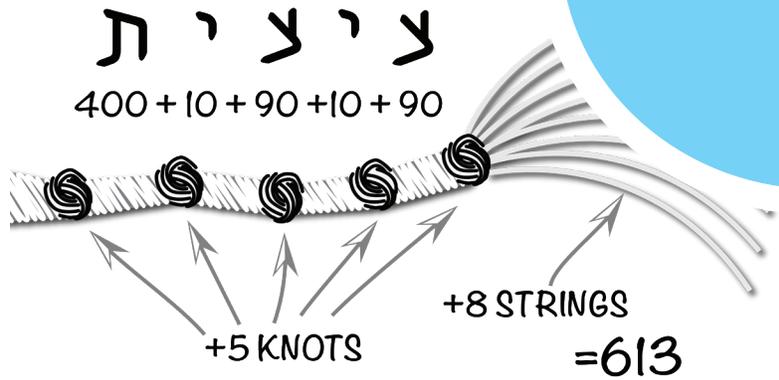
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friends have. However, many people (particularly Sephardic and German Jews) begin wearing a full tallis during prayers when they become bar mitzvah or even earlier. Customs also differ with the tallis kattan regarding wearing them at night, while sleeping or which materials they should be made of.

There's another mitzvah associated with tzitzis which is the mitzvah of tcheles (blue wool). During biblical times, it was required to have one blue wool string on each corner, but the color had to come from a particular sea creature called the chilazon. The exact knowledge of the chilazon has been lost for a very long time. Some groups of Jews do wear what they believe to be tcheles, and they might be right, I'm no marine biologist, yet many rabbinic authorities do not accept the currently available tcheles as the right kind. If you see people wearing a blue string, that's why.

Almost every tallis around has stripes on them, primarily to remind us that there really should be that blue string. Also, in case you find yourself unexpectedly at a NASCAR event. Again, customs vary regarding the color of the stripes (usually either black, blue or white). Tallis kattan usually only has stripes if it's made out of wool (the material that tcheles was made out of), so if your tzitzis garment is cotton, it probably won't have a stripe.



Here's a note of beautiful symbolism that I can't leave without sharing with you. The number value of the Hebrew word tzitzis is 600. Factor in 5 knots and 8 strings, and you have 613 (the amount of commandments in the Torah). The Torah tells us that tzitzis are meant to help us remember the mitzvos, and this is one way to do it.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

the Rabbi

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I met the person who invented ZERO.

I told him, "Thanks for nothing."

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