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A Kid Friendly Torah Magazine by Nageela West Coast

Doubly Dead
by Rabbi Dani Locker

Can you be doubly dead?



dead,
even while they're alive. So if a court executes a wicked person, they're killing a dead man.

Courts are important. How else would you play pickleball? But seriously, a system of courts and rules of justice is something that appears consistently in the Torah. Sometimes courts deal with simple matters, like when one potato goes another potato (I think that's how it works), but there are also more serious cases where a court may have to deal with real crime. On rare occasions, there may even be a death penalty (I should probably cover that in a Stump The Rabbi one of these weeks- long story short, it happened verrrrrry rarely). The Torah talks about how the court system is able to accept witnesses for very serious cases. Only through the testimony of two reliable witnesses can a court impose a death penalty (actually, two witnesses are required for just about every legal matter). But in speaking of this matter, there's odd wording used. "Based on the word of two or three witnesses, shall the dead person be killed." Ummm, why are you killing a dead person? I mean, if he's a dead person, why are you killing him?

The Midrash explains that it's of course not referring to an actual dead person. It's referring to a guilty person. People who are wicked are considered

What exactly does it mean, "They're considered dead." We understand that a bad person doesn't get an honored place in the 'next world.' It seems pretty obvious that if God created the next world as a place of reward for people who are awesome during their lives, then a premeditated murderer (or similarly horrible person who could be deserving of that extremely rare death penalty) fosho doesn't get that future awesomeness. So what does the Midrash mean when it says that wicked people are dead during their lifetimes?



Ever hear the phrase, "Nice guys finish last?" There's this really painfully wrong and negative impression that people who live immortal lives have EVERYTHING.

They have amazing lives, they get what they want. Oh, and by the way, in some future world they will lose out.

Well that is NOT the way it works. Sure, there are people who seem to have it good. Yet the

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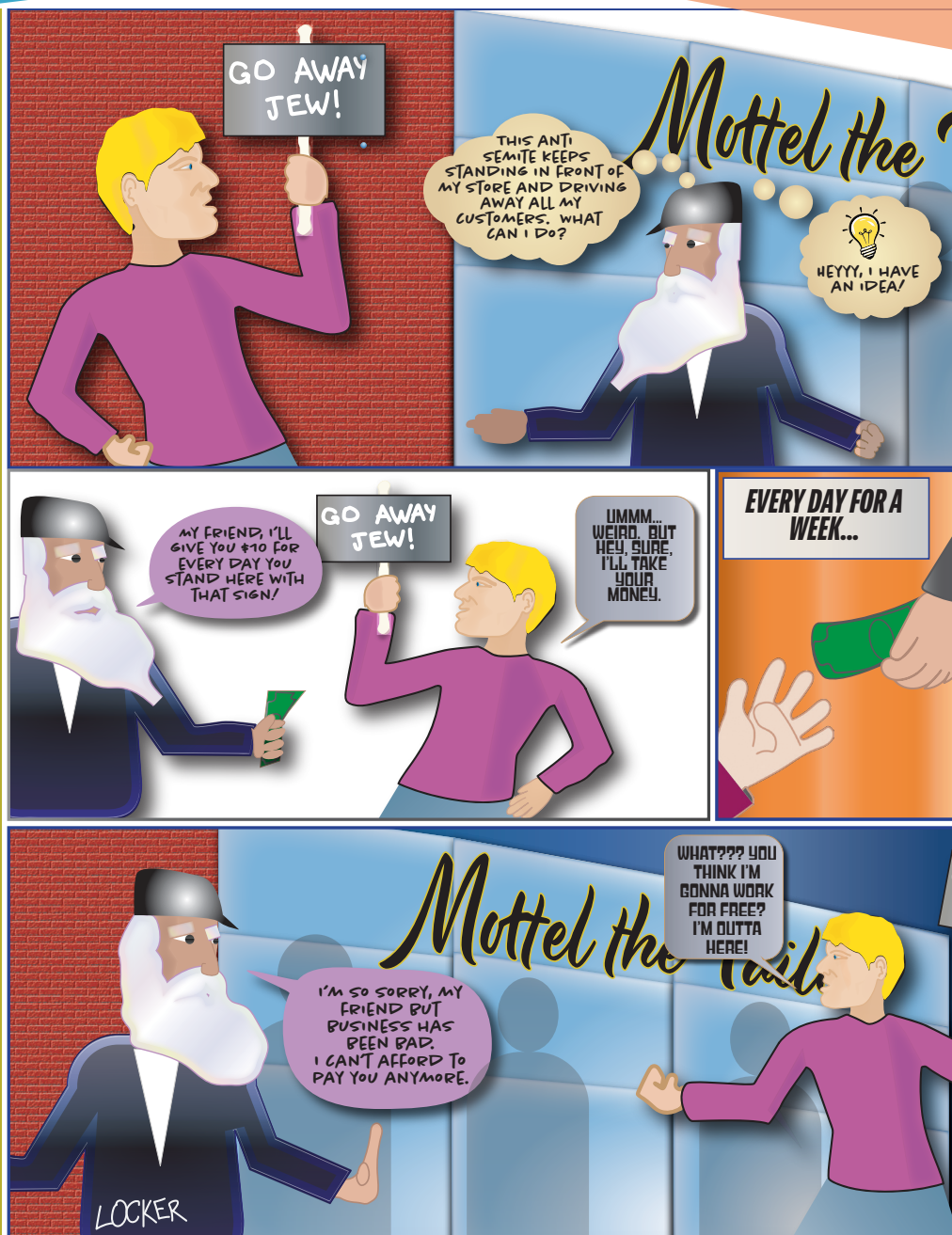
Midrash is telling us that a person who lives the knowledge that their life is one that goes against God and morality, that person CAN NOT possibly truly enjoy their lives. They might have some enjoyment, and they might seem happy, but that's only external. We understand that true happiness has to come from within, from a sense of purpose and accomplishment. A wicked person won't feel that. He won't gain happiness from the pleasures he acquires.

Who is truly alive? One who lives with a porpoise. I mean purpose.

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED
COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2024

PICKLE JEWS



The results speak for themselves.



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**Classic Stump
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**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,

I know Jews believe in God. I guess that means at least I know something, right? But what else do we believe? Is there a list of the things it's important for a Jew to know? 'Cuz I'd like to know what I should know!

Thanks,

Corey Brian Leif

In this series of classic Stump the Rabbi articles, we're doing a 5 week series on the core beliefs of Judaism, broken down by Maimonides into 13 principles.

Carl arrived home happy. "Guess what?", he asked his parents.

"What?" they asked, obligingly.

"I got a job! Isn't that great?"

Carl's family was thrilled. He had graduated a couple of months prior and had been looking for work ever since. Now it seemed he had finally found one.

"What is your job?" they asked.

"Just doing stuff. You know. This and that."

That's vague. "Well, who are you working for?"

"Umm, actually, I don't know."

"What do you mean you don't know?"

"I just kind of walk around and do stuff. Try to help. You know?"

"But how can you have any clue what's helpful if you don't know who your boss is, or what he wants?"

Carl's family recognized that if you want to do any job effectively, the first thing we need to know is the identity of the boss, and only after

that can you learn what they want.

The first five core beliefs deal with this. They are how we define who God is, and how we understand Him. Spoiler alert: One God, all powerful. Now that we've gotten that out of the way, let's go through them with more detail:

1. G-d created everything and still runs the show. It didn't happen by itself.

The way I look at it, there are pretty much three options. Either (a) the universe is a giant accident (yeah right), or (b) God created everything and then took a vacation (really, why?), or (c) God created the universe and continues to run it (hey, that makes sense). Continuing to borrow from the Carl story, everything we do only has meaning if the boss who owns the company is still involved with the company, and cares about your success.

2. There's only one G-d. No partners, demigods, trinities or split personalities.

Ancient religions (and some newer ones) had trouble understanding how a complicated world could be run by a single divine entity. They believed



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DAYS UNTIL
CNW GIRLS
2025

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DAYS UNTIL
CNW BOYS
2025

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

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

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in separate gods of war, love, thunder and pickles, among other things. We understand that there's only one power in the universe, and everything, even evil, comes from Him. If a company has multiple bosses who don't always agree on what they want, it's impossible to do your job properly, or develop a good working relationship. We need to know there's only ONE boss.

3. G-d does not have a body. No knees, shoulders, ears or toes. For that matter, G-d has no matter.

This one matters (get it?). Things that are physical have weakness. It's important that we know that God isn't physical and has no needs. He doesn't get tired, hungry, hot or cold. Aside from knowing that his boss exists, Carl needs

to know that his boss is a good, effective boss, able to help guide, support and encourage his workers. It wouldn't be very helpful to find out his boss was a criminal, made poor decisions, or had a chronic illness that would prevent him from supporting his employees.

Well, I know we only got through three of them so far, but unlike God, you ARE physical, and you DO get tired, so I'll pause here and continue with numbers 4 and 5 next week.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

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**I HAD A DENTAL
PROCEDURE DOWN IN
PANAMA.**

**THEY CALLED IT A ROUTE
CANAL.**

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
SEND YOUR JOKES IN TO DLOCKER@NAGEELAMEST.ORG

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY- UTAH LAGOON DAY

MONDAY- LAS VEGAS TNT

**WEDNESDAY- SCOTTSDALE
SCAVENGER HUNT AT JCC**



PARK CITY JSU & NCSY

JEWISH TEEN

BACK TO SCHOOL

LAGOON DAY

Sunday, September 8

All Jewish teens are invited!



**WEEKLY
TNT
TWEENS
N' TEENS**

Weekly
meetings for
Jewish tweens
and teens

Mondays:
Tweens (4-6 grade) from
5:00-6:00pm

Teens (7-8 Grade) from
6:15-7:30pm

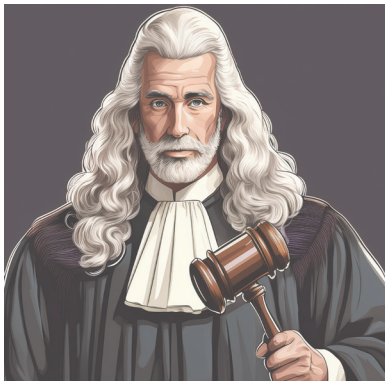
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PARTIAL PARTIA

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 including this as a weekly segment, giving bullet points of what happens in the Parsha of the week. With some side comments thrown in. Enjoy and please give us feedback!

Partial Partia - Shoftim Law and Order Reign Supreme

- We're supposed to set up court systems and officers to enforce those laws
- Judges must be very careful not to be corrupt, accept bribery or display favoritism
- If a Jew or a group of Jews strays far from the right path and worships other gods, they may be liable for the death penalty
- 2 or 3 witnesses are required for any capital punishment
- The Rabbis who are right should not be left, and the Rabbis who are left are all right. The Rabbis who write are probably also right. What I'm tryin to say is follow what the Rabbis say, without veering to the right or the other right
- Although there would be a time when the Jewish nation should appoint a king, that king is still subject to certain rules. He shouldn't have too many horses, too many wives, he must keep a Torah scroll with him, and he must be Jewish
- The tribe of Levi would not get any farmland in Israel. The Jewish people would need to support the tribe with gifts so they could be the spiritual guides
- Jews love a profit. And a prophet. But not a false one. If someone claims to be a prophet but their predictions don't come true, don't listen to them
- Witchcraft and stuff like that isn't allowed
- You know how when you play tag, there's a base where you're safe? Cities were set up as a kind of base if anyone killed accidentally. While in these cities, relatives of the victim could not take revenge. Roads and good signage were also set up to make sure it was easy to reach these locations. There was even a separate 'accidental killer' setting on Waze
- Instructions are given on how to mustard...
That means to gather an army to fight. [What? Did I get the wrong word? Well that's embarrassing.] Instructions are given on how to custard a Jewish army to fight [WHAAAT?]. When a Jewish army goes to war, they first dismiss any soldiers who have reasons to be home (like they just got married, or just got a new XBOX that they haven't used yet) or who might be afraid
- When Jews go to war, we offer peace first, before we offer pieces
- In one of the more unusual commandments in the Torah, we're given instructions on what to do if someone is found dead in between two cities, and it isn't clear who is responsible. It involves a cow, an axe, and some elders. I won't go into details



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can a judge ruling that a defendant is guilty be responsible for that defendant being set free?

Answer is on page 6.
DON'T CHEAT!

DEEP DEEP THOUGHTS

Why did the Berenstain Bears name their oldest kid "Brother" even though he was their only child at the time?

Yo, whatcha lookin at?
You gotta think first!

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 5

However, we won't execute someone based on a unanimous guilty verdict. If 22 of the judges ruled guilty, then the 23rd ruling he's guilty would actually render him innocent.

A court of 23 judges is required to rule on matters of life and death. If the majority rules the defendant is guilty, then he may be put to death.

OUR 15TH SUMMER IS IN THE BOOKS!

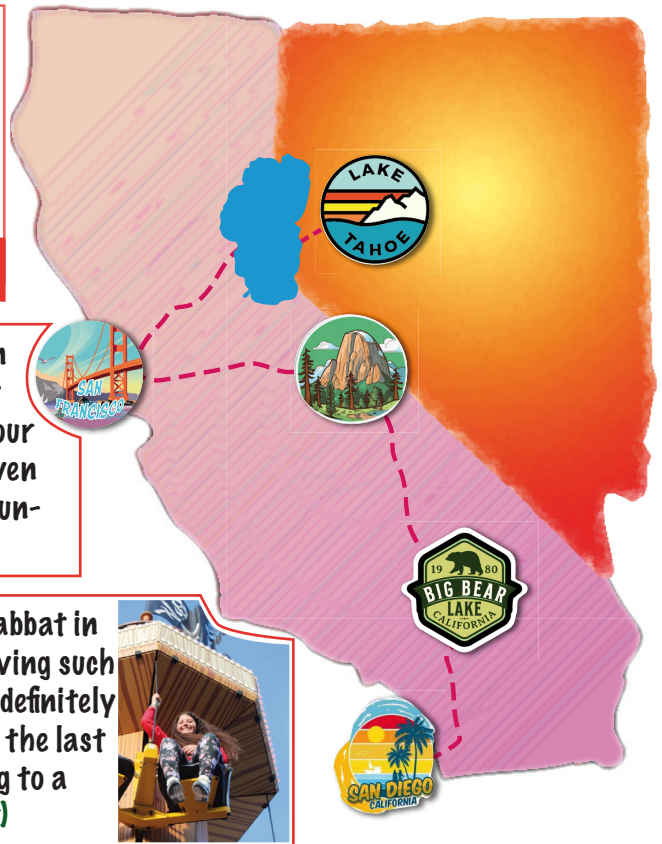
NAGEELA NOTES:

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: We're a bit behind, so here are the rest of the August ppl

Sidney Ghenassia
Gaylie Kaplowitz
Brody Beery
Naamah Rose
Julian Weiss
Sasha Weiss
Noah Elgerabli
Tehilla Ben Shimon
Yaniv Ben-Shimon

Nochi Locker
Royce Rozea
Yoni Stein
Yosef Cassell
Jesse Eng
Benaya Atias
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MEETUP

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JUNE 19

6PM PACIFIC

PRIZES AND AWARDS

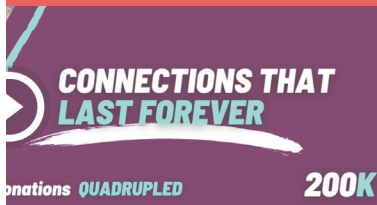
THE YEAR!

We still need YOUR help to fund the amazing, life-changing experience that is Camp Nageela West!

Please visit cause-match.com/cnw24 to give! Every bit really does help.

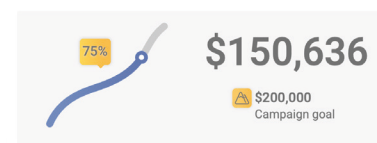
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en to experience a summer that will last a lifetime!

ME AN AMBASSADOR



Let us know what you'd like to see!

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?
Stump thre Rabbi Live?
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!



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We have a couple of staff openings for our boys session. Looking for exceptional 17-19 year olds from the West Coast. Please contact us ASAP

Do you know any Jewish kids who could benefit from an inspirational Jewish summer experience, or are bored with their summer?
Please contact us ASAP!

SUMMER INFO SESSIONS:

WE STILL HAVE SPOTS OPEN IN SEVERAL AGE GROUPS. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHANCE TO HAVE THE SUMMER OF an expanded discussion



ZOOM- TUESDAY, MAY 21, 7PM

SCOTTSDALE- THURS, MAY 23, 6PM

PARK CITY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

BT has additional material on the Temple service, and JT has additional material on agriculture, as the living in Israel.

Take a look at this week's Stump the Rabbi where we introduce the concept of the Talmud, as it's broken down into Mishna, and then the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmud.

In the charts below, we list each of the 63 tractates that make up the six orders of mishna. We also mention the amount of chapters in each, an explanation of the general topic of weach one, and

Talmud (BT) and/or the Jerusalem Talmud (JT).

In daily life: Marriage, holidays and business are almost all completely covered by both BT

ce, and JT has additional material on agriculture, as th

licable

SEDER ZERAIM- AGRICULTURE, BLESSING AND TITHES				
Name	Chapters	Topic	BT	JT
Berachos	9	Blessings and Prayers	✓	✓
Peah	8	Leaving a portion of the field for the poor (a corner)		✓
Demai	7	Dealing with food that is bought and you're not sure if the proper tithes and contributions have been separated		✓
Kilaim	9	The prohibition against planting different crops together, grafting, and cross breeding plants and animals		✓
Sheviis	10	The shemithah- sabbatical year when nobody in Israel would work the fields		✓
Terumos	11	The portion of produce given to the Kohein		✓
Maasros	5	The 10% of produce given to the Levite		✓
Maaser Sheini	5	The 10% of produce used by the owner to spend specifically in Jerusalem		✓
Challah	4	Taking a portion of the dough to give to the kohein		✓
Orlah	3	Not using the fruit of a tree in its first 3 years		✓
Bikkurim	4	Bringing the first fruits to Jerusalem to give to the Kohein		✓

SEDER MOED- S				
Name	Chapters	Topic	BT	JT
Shabbos	24	The rules of Shabbos	✓	✓
Eruvin	10	Carrying and bound	✓	✓
Pesachim	10	Information about t	✓	✓
Shekalim	8	Information about the half- shekel donation and all temple donations		✓
Yoma	8	Details about Yom Kippur	✓	✓
Sukkah	5	Details about Sukkos	✓	✓
Beitzah	5	Laws of celebrating festivals	✓	✓
Rosh Hashanah	4	Details about Rosh Hashana and the Jewish calendar in general	✓	✓
Taanis	4	Fast days, and prayers in times of need	✓	✓
Megillah	4	Purim and caring for holy objects	✓	✓
Moed Katan	3	About Chol Hamoed- the intermediate days of the festival	✓	✓
Chagigah	3	The festival offerings	✓	✓

SEDER NASHIM- MARRIAGE, WOMEN AND COMMITMENTS				
Name	Chapters	Topic	BT	JT
Yevamos	16	Instructions for what happens when a married man dies without children	✓	✓
Ketubos	13	Contracts and agreements	✓	✓
Nedarim	11	Oaths and commitments	✓	✓
Nazir	9	Rules for people who make personal vows of holiness	✓	✓
Sotah	9	Dealing with suspected infidelity	✓	✓
Gittin	9	Procedures for divorce	✓	✓
Kiddushin	4	Procedures for marriage	✓	✓

SEDER NEZIKIN- DAMAGES REAL ESTATE AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS				
Name	Chapters	Topic	BT	JT
Bava Kamma	10	Laws of damages and theft	✓	✓
Bava Metzia	10	Laws of monetary disputes, lost objects and guardianship	✓	✓
Bava Batra	10	Real estate and inheritance	✓	✓
Sanhedrin	11	Jewish courts, their operation, power and limitations	✓	✓
Makkos	3	The punishments administered by court	✓	✓
Shevuos	8	Rules of swearing	✓	✓
Edyos	8	A collection of statements on various topics that were testified in front of the assembly		
Avodah Zarah	5	Information about idolatry	✓	✓
Avot	6	Ethics		
Horayos	3	Communal responsibility for public transgression	✓	✓

SEDER KODASHIM- HOLY TEMPLE AND ITS OFFERINGS				
Name	Chapters	Topic	BT	JT
Zevachim	14	Rules of Animal and bird offerings	✓	
Menachos	13	Rules of grain offerings	✓	
Chullin	12	How to slaughter, and Kosher rules	✓	
Bechoros	9	Special mitzvos pertaining to the first born of animals and humans	✓	
Arachin	9	Pledging the value of a person	✓	
Temurah	7	Attempting to do a switcheroo between holy and unholy animals	✓	
Kerisos	6	Details of Kareis- the punishment of having one's soul cut off	✓	
Meilah	6	Embezzlement from and inappropriate use of property belonging to the Holy Temple	✓	
Tamid	7	About the daily continual offerings	✓	
Middos	5	Dimensions of the Holy Temple, including for the future third temple		
Kinnim	3	Mixups with bird offerings		

SEDER TAHAROS- PURITY AND DEFILEMENT				
Name	Chapters	Topic	BT	JT
Keilim	30	Impurity and purification of vessels		
Ohalos	18	Proximity to bodies and how they make people impure		
Negaim	14	Skin conditions that cause impurity		
Parah	12	Using the ashes of the red cow to become pure		
Taharos	10	Minor impurities		
Mikvaos	10	Rules of bodies of water that can be used to purify		
Niddah	10	Family purity	✓	✓
Machshirin	6	Enabling items to become impure		
Zavim	5	Human sources of impurity		
Yadayim	4	Post mikvah, but pre- purity. What's the deal?		
Uktzin	3	Impurity dealing with produce		

Fun (and sticky) times in Las Vegas as our Jewish teens competed to make the crispiest and most delicious

We've gotten many new help start Jewish clubs in public schools. Please reach out to me if you had any negative experience

QUICK
FIXI-
BEHAR

The Parsha talks about what happens if a Jew needs money desperately and sells his property. His relatives have the opportunity to jump in and bail him out, by buying it back. The Torah also discusses what happens if he has no relatives. Rashi asks: Are there any Jews who have NO relatives? Of course he does. The Torah must simply mean his relatives are poor too.

This is amazing, because there are certainly Jews with no close relatives. What happens if your closest relative is a great-great-nephew 7 times removed? It doesn't matter. The Torah is saying that if you have no relatives, No Jew is without family, even if it's distant.

MITZVAH MINUTE - MITZVAH #422

WONDERING WHEN YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE

JEWNIOR NCSY EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

IT'S A MITZVAH TO BE HAPPY. HOW COOL IS THAT?

WAIT, ALWAYS?



IT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. THE SPECIAL COMMANDMENT TO BRING YOU HAPPINESS. COMMON EXAMPLES IN YOUR FAVORITE MEALS. THAT MEANS

MAZAL TOV!!!

TO NAGEELA CHEF
YITZIE LEVIN

BECAUSE OF AN Instagram, we asked people which of the greatest people had the greatest effect on our lives. Here are some of the results:

Admittedly, I think many of our social followers don't know these names. Hey guys, let's learn more! Honestly, I think I might have chosen Rabbi Judah the Prince, the compiler of the Mishna. See this week's Stump The Rabbi for more on him!

WOULD
JEW
RATHER?

WHICH OF THESE HAD THE LARGEST EFFECT ON WORLD?

Hillel	33%
Rabbi Akiva	33%
Rabbi Judah the Prince	0%
Shimon Hatzadik	33%

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 THEIR HANDS EVERY MORNING BEFORE DOING ANYTHING ELSE. ACCORDING TO MANY OPINIONS, THIS WASHING SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE EVEN TAKING A FEW STEPS, SO PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE 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.

MAZAL TOV!!!

TO LONG TIME NAGEELA HEAD STAFF
RABBI YEHUDA LEITER
AND
RABBI YEHUDA PALGON
UPON RECEIVING THEIR ADVANCED SEMICHA
(RABBINICAL ORDINATION)

Chanukah PHOTO CHALLENGE

Can you find:

- Chapstick
- Scissors
- A remote
- 2 Mini Donuts
- 3 Dreidels

- 5 Crayons
- 4 Dice
- A gold ball
- The floor
- Key Ring

*According to one opinion in the Talmud, Joshua wrote the final 8 verses
**Chronologically, Jeremiah should be placed later Talmud Bava Basra 14b places it here due to other considerations.

*** These are 12 smaller books: Hoshea Yovel Amos Ovadiah Yonah Micha Nachum

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MAZAL TOV!!!

TO NAGEELA FAMILY MEMBERS
AARON AND AVIA POLONSKY
UPON THEIR RECENT MARRIAGE!

MAZAL TOV!!!

TO
NOCHI LOCKER
UPON CELEBRATING HIS BAR MITZVAH THIS WEEK!