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DVAR TORAH

See if you can figure out what all of these jobs are:



like a shepherd. I imagine a job interview might have gone something like this:

The Flofficers
by Rabbi Dani Locker

Highway Environmental Hygienist

Education Centre Nourishment Consultant

Petroleum Transfer Engineer

Customer Experience Enhancement Consultant

Gastronomical Hygiene Technician

Domestic Technician

Answers at the end of this Dvar Torah.

I find something really funny about what happened when the Jewish people moved down to Egypt. Of course, the stuff that happened later wasn't funny at all. But when they first came- listen to what happened.

Joseph prepared his brothers carefully for their first meeting with the Egyptian king. One of his instructions is that they should tell the king they were shepherds, because the Egyptians hated shepherds, and this would allow them to live apart from the idolatrous natives. So what does Pharaoh respond?

He tells them that if any of them are worthy, he will appoint them as 'flock officers' over his herds.

I don't know about you, but 'flock officer' sounds alot

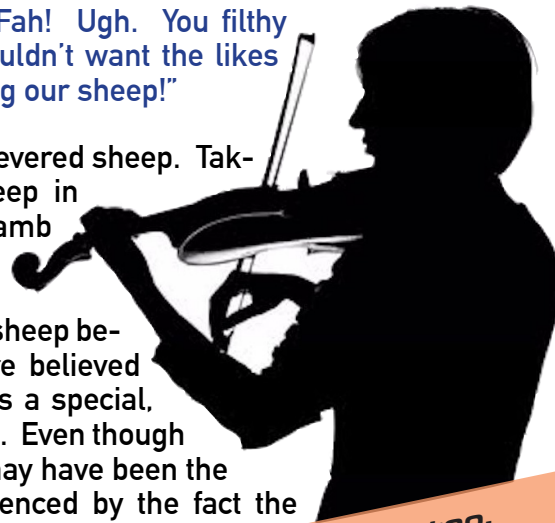
"So, I see you have a job opening for a flock officer. What does the job entail?"

"Taking the sheep out to graze, making sure they're well fed and watered and protecting them from wild animals. Occasionally cleaning dirt out of their wooly coats."

"Great! I have a lot of experience with that, I've been a shepherd for years."

"A shepherd? Fah! Ugh. You filthy lowlife. We wouldn't want the likes of you officering our sheep!"

The Egyptians revered sheep. Taking care of sheep in order to make lamb stew was abhorrent to them. Taking care of sheep because they were believed to be divine was a special, sacred privilege. Even though the actual job may have been the same (as evidenced by the fact the Pharaoh want-



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ed to hire Joseph's brothers for Flofficer duty based solely on their shepherding experience), the intention while doing that job and the attitude one brought to the job makes it completely different. You take a fiddle and put a fancy name on it, suddenly it costs 15.9 million dollars.

It might sound crazy, but it's actually quite reasonable. The attitude you bring to a task will most certainly affect your production. A shepherd doesn't have the self respect and the drive for success that a flofficer does. There's a famous story about a beggar in the subway who was selling pencils to try and make a few cents. A well- dressed businessman dropped some money into the cup and started hurrying off, but then came back. "I forgot to take my pencil. After all, you're selling them at a reasonable price. You're a businessman just like me!"

This simple interaction gave this beggar his self respect back. He started viewing himself as a pencil salesman rather than a panhandler, and he worked hard to improve his situation, eventually becoming

successful and respectable.

It's important for us to recognize this about ourselves. Whether our 'job' is doing homework, changing diapers, taking out the garbage or anything else we do, we are officers. We are high ranking homosapiens whom God has given great importance in this universe. Every job we do well, we are accomplishing a grand mission.

Don't be a fiddle. Be a Stradivarius.

Now for the answers:

Thoroughfare Environmental Hygienist = Street sweeper

Education Centre Nourishment Consultant = School lunch lady

Petroleum Transfer Engineer = Gas station pumper

Customer Experience Enhancement Consultant = Store associate

Gastronomical Hygiene Technician = Dish washer

Domestic Technician = House wife

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP
by Dani Lecker, 2023

Well, the charade is over. It's time for me to reveal myself. I know this will shock you, but I am your brother Joseph! Is my father really still alive?

Zoom Group Chat

From Simon to everyone: Sir, we can't hear what you're saying

From Dan to everyone: u r muted

From Benjamin to you (privately): You look familiar but I can't place why

From Simon to everyone: Where's that translator of yours?

From Simon to everyone: Hey @Levi, you wanna do something about this guy?

From you to everyone: Argh. I have something important to tell you!

From Yissachar to everyone: What? Did you lose another 'magic cup'?

From you to everyone: Can you tell what language I'm mouthing? That's a hint...

From Zabulon to everyone: I actually gotta go. I have a shipment coming in...

From Levi to everyone: I had a dream that Egyptian rulers kept their word. Do you know about dreams?

From Judah to everyone: Everyone please speak to Mr. Panayach respectfully!

From Dan to everyone: I think you're muted!! My son is trying to read your lips. He's good at that.

From Raabben to you (privately): Your Royal Highness, there's something wrong with your mic

From you to everyone: I am hungry.

From Asher to everyone: ???

Aren't you the guy with all the food

From you to everyone: Sorry. Autocorrect. I AM JOSEPH! JOSEPH!!! YOUR BROTHER THE ONE YOU SOLD!

From Benjamin to everyone: They what???

From Naftali to everyone: awkward...

To: Everyone

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HEAVY BABIES NEED A CRANE

This past week, we held our 3rd annual WIPE OUT HATRED event in Park City Utah.

At the event, more than a dozen volunteers interacted with more than 1,000 skiers and boarders, giving out stickers and informational postcards, engaging in meaningful conversations, and sharing some bagels and lox.

The goal of the event was twofold: To raise awareness about the startling recent increases in antisemitism here in the USA, and to engage Jewish teens in Jewish advocacy.

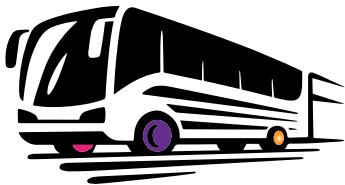
Great vibes, excellent skiing and an inspirational Shabbos all combined to make this our best event to date! Can't wait for WOH 2024!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which ten brothers were all named in honor of the same person?

Answer is on page 4.
DON'T CHEAT!



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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 VAYIGASH

- The stage has been set for an epic showdown. It's Harry vs. Voldemort. Except in this case both participants have noses.
- Joseph is still unrecognized by his bros, and in his role as Egyptian big dawg he has accused Benjamin of stealing his (Joseph's) special magical goblet. It's not a cup, it's a goblet. I don't know what the difference is. He insists that Benjamin must stay permanently as a slave, and the other 9 brothers may return home to their father.
- Judah stands up to this Egyptian ruler, and according to the Midrash they have a pretty intense show of intimidating each other.
- Seeing that his brothers are standing up for Benjamin, Joseph decides it's time to reveal himself. He clears the room of everyone not in his family, and he reveals his identity. The brothers are speechless, and embarrassed because they understand the extent of their earlier mistakes.
- Amazingly, Joseph doesn't yell at his brothers, punch them or blame them in any way. He recognizes that his 'adventure' was God's way of ensuring they would be able to survive the famine.
- Joseph (with Pharaoh's permission) sends his brothers home with wagons full of goodies, and instructions to bring the entire family down to relocate in Egypt.
- God appears to Jacob and promises him that his descendants will eventually return from Egypt, and that Joseph

would take care of him.

- Jacob brings the entire family, consisting of 70 people in total, to settle in Egypt.
- When they arrive, Joseph introduces his father and half of his brothers to Pharaoh, and settles them in the suburb of Goshen. They end up living in Goshen for over 200 years.
- Jacob blesses Pharaoh and the famine ends, only 2 years into the 7 years it was supposed to take. That's a pretty good deal.
- During the famine, Joseph had so successfully stored up food, and everyone else had done such a poor job, that he eventually owned all the money. Like all of it. From everywhere. He also was able to gain partial ownership of all the land in Egypt, and relocated many of the Egyptian citizens to different parts of the country, in order to prevent the Jewish immigrants from feeling like strangers.
- The Jews have many, many children

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 3

Benjamin named his ten sons after his (presumed) departed brother, Joseph. 1. Bela- he was swallowed up 2. Becher- He was his mother's first-born, etc (see Rashi for a complete list)

WOULD JEW RATHER?

This week on Instagram, we asked people what their favorite part of Chanukah was. At the time of publishing, here are the results:

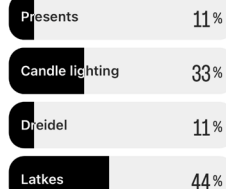
We had some write-ins that said family and a few people wanted to choose more than one poll item.

Latkes are definitely the best Jewish food out there... a little surprised it won out over Candle Lighting and presents in our highly scientific poll.

Next week's question:

Which of these Rabbis had the greatest effect on the Jewish people? Hillel, Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Judah the Prince, Shimon Hatzadik

FAVORITE PART OF CHANUKAH?



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