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## Torat Scene-A-Eye

*This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha or relevant holiday. How many hints can you find? This week's is about Parshas Vayeishev*

## News

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Chanukah approaches and we couldn't be more excited!

We can't wait to see Nageela alumnus Bryce Gould, captain of the Sin City Kings host the Israel Selects hockey team!

Then for Chanukah, West Coast is hosting a photo contest for the entire national Jr. NCSY!

It will culminate on the 9th night of Chanukah (!) with an afterparty and some pretty epic prizes!

## COMING UP SOON

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- 📍 DEC 22- Israel Selects Hockey Game
- 📍 DEC 23- LV pre- Chanukah program
- 📍 Jan 8- Phoenix event
- 📍 Jan 17- Jewniors Shabbaton, Alamo, NV
- 📍 Jan 29- LA event

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## Deep Thoughts

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*If pineapples developed a spiky exterior to protect the tasty fruit inside, can you imagine how delicious hedgehogs must taste?*



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# DVAR TORAH



## NOT A HORSE THIEF

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Do you ever wonder about names? Most of us have last names that have got nothing to do with who or what we are. Maybe they're the city where an ancestor lived, or something completely random. A good friend of mine told me his last name means "horse thief". I haven't been spying on him, but I don't think he's got a secret livestock burglary ring. Besides, it's hard to hide a stolen horse in your bedroom, "Hey Mike, is that a hoof under your pillow?"

Back in biblical times, of course, people didn't have standard last names. Titles were given because they made sense.

Moshe Rabbeinu, means Moses our Rabbi. That makes sense!

Sarah Imainu is Sarah our mother. I get that.

Joseph, 11th son of Yaakov, and Vice President (or something like that) of Egypt is known in Jewish writings as Joseph Hatzadik, or Joseph the righteous man. Reading this week's and the next two week's Torah portions, it becomes clear that Joseph was a great person, but so were thousands of others. Why does HE get the title? Can I get in touch with his PR agent?

Let's take a quick look at Jewish history (okay, that's probably not quick, but let's do it anyway). As far as I know there's only one other person mentioned in the 24 books of Tanach (that's the Hebrew word for all of biblical literature, the Torah, books of prophets, and writings) who is referred to with the title of Tzadik, and that is Mordechai. Yup, Mordechai, the hero of the Purim story is also called Mordechai Hatzadik, the righteous man. Was it just a last name he inherited from his father along with a stamp collection? No, that was not a family name, it was a title. What did both of these great men have in common?

They were Jewish?

You're gonna have to try harder than that.

They had beards?

Umm, maybe. Let's try, "What was unusual

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**Question of the Week**

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Dreaming is central to the theme of this week's Parsha.

ANSWER ON PAGE 4

How many dreams are recorded in the Torah?




**LOLZ**

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Be kind to dentists...

They have fillings, too



**Nageela Fun Fact**

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In February 2019, Camp Nageela West hosted the Harlem Wizards for one of the most entertaining fundraisers ever! The Nageela staff team came close... kind of.



How much do you love being Jewish?



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# DVAR TORAH

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about them that they had in common?"

They were both major political leaders in non-Jewish countries. Joseph, of course, was the second in command to Pharaoh, King of Egypt, a country that was not known for its kindness or morality. Mordechai became second in command to Achashveirosh (speak about names, what were his parents THINKING?) who was at best a fool and pretty immoral himself. A man who had his wife executed because she didn't show up when he called (I would hate to have been his UBER driver).

I bought a used a car a few years back. The car worked great, the price was right, so I paid and took it home. When my excited family got in, they all ran out holding their noses. It seems that a while back, a smoker had owned the car, and even though it had been years since the car had been smoked in, it still smelled. We took it to get the seats professionally cleaned, bought all kinds of air fresheners, and would leave the windows open 24/7, but nothing we did really worked. When something smells, everything nearby gets permanently affected.

It's tough to be a good person. It's much, much tougher to be a good person around

people who are less-than-great. Joseph and Mordechai both spent their time in the company of corrupt people. They had important work to do, but still, it would have been easy for it to get to them. For them to start thinking and acting, just a bit like those people.

We give these two giants the title "Hatzadik" to praise how righteous they stayed even in a smelly situation. Definitely better than being a horse thief.



### Making it Personal

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I'm very proud of being a lefty. Lefties have certain benefits, like hitting homeruns at Yankee Stadium,- and assassinating Moabite Kings.

EHUD BEN GEIRA was a great leader of the Jewish people a little over 3,000 years ago.

At the time, the Moabite king Eglon was terrorizing the Jewish people. Ehud visited, and asked for a private audience.

Ehud was able to wield his sword with his left hand, and so was able to hide a sword on his right, where it wouldn't be searched thoroughly.

This act gained us much needed peace.



### Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Here are some of the hints in this picture:

Joseph was raised to royalty, and he (at one point) had a colorful coat. His clothing got ripped and bloody.

He was transported to Egypt with spices, and once he was raised, he rode in a special carriage.

There is a wine bottle as well as bread to represent the dreams of the butler and the baker. There's also a dreamcatcher because, ya know, dreams.

There are shoes because some say Joseph's brothers sold him for shoes.

# PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly  
torah porshon

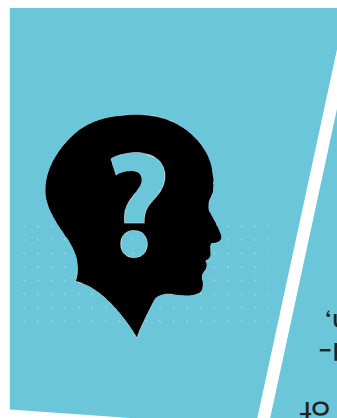


## PARSHAS VAYEISHEV- More Brotherly Love

- 1 JOSEPH, AS THE SON OF JACOB'S BELOVED LATE WIFE RACHEL, GETS SPECIAL TREATMENT FROM HIS FATHER. THAT NEVER ENDS WELL.
- 1 JACOB GIVES JOSEPH A UNIQUE, COLORFUL COAT, WHICH ADDS TO HIS BROTHERS' JEALOUSY. ALSO HE GOT NEW AIRPOD PRO MAXS FOR CHANUKAH, AND I ONLY GOT A DONUT. IT'S NOT FAIR!
- 1 JOSEPH HAS TWO DREAMS WHICH TURN OUT TO BE PROPHETIC, AND HE SHARES THEM WITH HIS BROTHERS. IN ONE, THE BROTHERS ARE ALL BUNDLING STUFF IN THE FIELDS AND THE BROTHERS' BUNDLES BOW DOWN TO JOSEPH'S BUNDLES. THIS DOES NOT MAKE THEM HAPPY. IN THE OTHER DREAM, THE SUN, MOON AND 11 STARS (AS IN 11 BROTHERS) WERE BOWING TO JOSEPH. BASICALLY, THE DREAMS PREDICT JOSEPH EVENTUALLY BEING IN CHARGE OF THEM ALL, WHICH THEY DID NOT APPRECIATE, HIM BEING 17 AND THEM BEING OLDER.
- 1 THE 10 OLDER SONS OF JACOB HATE JOSEPH AND PLAN TO GET RID OF HIM. ONE DAY, AS HE VISITS THE BIG BROS, THEY GRAB HIM, RIP HIS COAT OFF, AND THROW HIM IN A PIT FULL OF NASTY CREATURES.
- 1 EVENTUALLY, THEY DECIDE NOT TO KILL JOSEPH, BUT SELL HIM TO PASSING MERCHANTS, AND HE EVENTUALLY ARRIVES IN EGYPT, WHERE HE IS BOUGHT AS A SLAVE BY A HIGH RANKING EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL NAMED POTIPHAR. HOW PHAR WAS JOSEPH FROM HOME? POTI PHAR.
- 1 WHILE THIS IS GOING ON, JUDAH, WHO HAD BEEN THE CLEAR LEADER AMONG THE BROTHERS, LEAVES, GETS MARRIED AND HAS 2 SONS (EVENTUALLY 3, BUT 2 AT FIRST).
- 1 BOTH OF JUDAH'S SONS DIE, AND TO MAKE A LONG STORY VERY SHORT, JUDAH ENDS UP HAVING TWIN SONS WITH TAMAR, WHO HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN MARRIED TO HIS SONS. ONE OF THESE SONS, PERETZ, ENDS UP FATHERING THE LINE OF DESCENDANTS WHICH WOULD PRODUCE KING DAVID AND THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH MONARCHY (INCLUDING THE FUTURE MESSIAH).
- 1 BACK AT THE RANCH- ARE THERE RANCHES IN EGYPT? JOSEPH IS SUPER SUCCESSFUL AND HIS MASTER PUTS HIM IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING. UNFORTUNATELY, HE CATCHES THE ATTENTION OF POTIPHAR'S WIFE. SHE IS ANGERED BY

JOSEPH'S REPEATED REJECTION OF HER FRIENDLY ADVANCES, SO SHE ACCUSES HIM OF COMMITTING A SERIOUS CRIME, AND HE IS THROWN IN PRISON.

- 1 WHILE LOCKED UP, JOSEPH AGAIN GAINS THE TRUST OF THOSE IN CHARGE. HE'S THAT AWESOME. NOTHING CAN KEEP HIM DOWN.
- 1 TWO OF PHARAOH'S (THAT WAS THE TITLE OF THE EGYPTIAN KING. FOR ALL WE KNOW, HIS REAL NAME MIGHT HAVE BEEN WILFRED) STEWARDS GET THROWN INTO PRISON AND HAVE DREAMS THAT TROUBLE THEM. JOSEPH, WHO'S KIND OF AN EXPERT AT DREAMS, HAVING HOSTED A SUCCESSFUL PODCAST ON THE SUBJECT MATTER, TELLS THEM WHAT THE DREAMS MEAN. GOOD NEWS FOR ONE, DEATH FOR THE OTHER, YET THEY INSTINCTIVELY KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
- 1 JOSEPH ASKS THE WINE STEWARD (THAT WAS THE ONE WITH THE HAPPY DREAM) TO USE HIS PULL TO TRY AND HELP GET JOSEPH RELEASED FROM HIS UNJUST INCARCERATION. THE STEWARD IS RELEASED, AND PROMPTLY FORGETS ABOUT JOSEPH, WHO IS LEFT LANGUISHING IN PRISON. CLIFF HANGER!



## Answer of the Week

There are ten dreams described in the Torah and all are in the book of Genesis. They are:  
Avimelech's warning, Jacob's ladder dream, Jacob's sheep dream, Lavan's warning, Joseph's 2 baker's dream, Pharaoh's 2 dreams.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

# 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.



## RECYCOLOGICAL

Hi Rabbi,

What does Judaism say about recycling? It doesn't seem like I've seen a great many organizations in traditional Judaism focusing on recycling. Is it something that is proper to do? Are there any potential problems with it?

Thanks  
Sy Cling

Dear Sy,

If you've read Nageela Shabbos long enough, you'll know that I am a fan of recycled jokes, at least. Speaking of which, why did the recycling bin go to the gym? Because it wanted to get shredded!

Let's talk about waste. There is actually a commandment in the Torah, one of the 613, that forbids waste for no reason (according to some, it's only a rabbinical derivation of the Torah commandment). The literal meaning of the commandment is not to cut down fruit trees, but it is also meant to teach us not to destroy or waste things without purpose. The classic work Sefer Hachinuch, which provides meaningful understanding of commandments, describes this mitzvah as a way to instill in ourselves a love of goodness. He basically says that destruction and evil are pretty much the same thing. Good people want to preserve the world and the things in it. Evil people are destructive. Therefore, we train ourselves not to destroy or waste anything. Our ancestor Jacob went out of his way to get some small containers he'd left behind. We care about preventing waste.

We live in a 'disposeable' society, where many things we buy and use are used once and then thrown away. This doesn't seem to be a very Jewish attitude, but does that mean we're not allowed to use disposable diapers, plates, garbage bags? And wait, do I have to keep everything, like ever? All the old toys, clothes, broken electronics and half-rusty nails?? This is a hoarder's dream come true! Like half the people reading this have just fainted in

horror, and the other half are doing a victory dance. I'm imagining someone making clothing out of used Kit-Kat wappers.

It's important to put things in perspective. While we're forbidden to actively destroy or waste, and we should work toward preventing destruction, we're not obligated to spend much money or set aside other important activities for this purpose. Let me give you an example:

My car broke. Normally, I'd bring it to a mechanic and get it fixed, but this time, I know that the expense to fix it will be more than the car is worth. I am not obligated to WASTE money and WASTE time in order to avoid wasting the hunk of metal which doesn't drive any more. To put it simply, we have to take all waste into account, and according to many authorities, WASTING TIME is a more significant problem than wasting stuff.

So if you live in a city with a good recycling program, you should absolutely use it (even if it's not the law). If you have a good dishwasher, then why waste disposable sporks, if you can donate your old clothes instead of throwing them out, it's certainly a good idea, and if you're good at fixing stuff and it won't take up your whole weekend, why waste it. For everything else, there's Offer Up. How about food? Everyone has had a parent or grandparent insist that you finish all the food on your plate, because that will somehow help the starving children somewhere in the world, and because it's bad to waste. Keep in mind that wasting your health and developing unhealthy eating habits are not a solution to the problem. If you really want to avoid that waste, get a pet, or maybe learn about composting, which is certainly a more valuable type of posting than anything on social media.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

## The Rabbi



**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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# PICKLE JEWS

**Oh mighty Pharaoh, Would you like to unwrap your presents now?**

**Maybe I'll wait until everyone leaves...**

**Last year I accidentally unwrapped some of the guests. I hate tomb parties.**

LOCKER

**Happy Birthdays!**  
**Shlomo Berk**  
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