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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 Beshalach*

Disclaimer: These AI generated images are NOT meant to portray actual people or events from the Torah. They are simply hints to get you thinking.

## News

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 What's up everyone?

It was great meeting with some families from Reno, NV this past week. We are looking forward to Reno becoming a new feeder area for Camp Nageela West!

There are info sessions that will be announced soon, in person in Las Vegas and Denver, plus special ZOOM info sessions for residents of Hawaii and Montana!

Regular Las Vegas JR NCSY programming is suspended this coming week, as I travel.

I found this ski slope, which I think will become the new default location of Stump the Rabbi!



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## Deep Thoughts

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**How do colorblind people connect their airpods?**



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# DVAR TORAH



## RAISE TO PRAISE

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Ding Dong, Egypt is dead! Egypt is dead! Egypt is dead!

Ding Dong, the wicked Egypt is dead!

From "The Wizard of Oz (Yashir)- the Musical" Sony records, 1313 BCE.

The horrible, mean, abusive, sweaty (it's hot in north Africa), idolatrous, manipulative, Egyptians had perished in the Sea of Reeds and now, finally the Jews were free (and we had no more trouble for the rest of history, wink, wink).

You might have heard that only the Jews sang praises to God. The Talmud tells us that the angels had wanted to praise God, but they were told to stop. "My creations are drowning in the sea, and you want to sing praises?" God cared even about the wicked Egyptians. He did what was necessary, but didn't want the angels to sing about it!

The big question is, what about us? If it's inappropriate to sing praises to God when His creations are drowning, then why did Moses and the rest of the Jewish people sing the epic "Az Yashir" which, BTW, we've included in our daily prayers?

Let's take a look at this song. What did it mean for us? It wasn't just the most downloaded song of the Sinai desert (I would've said the Egyptians got downloaded, but that might be inappropriate). It wasn't just a bunch of soundwaves (again with the sea puns... really?) It was prophecy at a high level. The Jewish people, seeing the profound miracles God performed FOR US at the sea, understood God and the world on a deeper level (get it? Deeper...well,the Egyptians did...) than ever before. For the Jews to see and understand, and keep it inside, would have been wrong. They had these new concepts inside of them, it was extremely important that they USE their newfound appreciation and express it. Their great appreciation for God had to flow from them (here we go again).

**CONTINUED** ▾ For the angels, it was just



ANSWER ON PAGE 3

## Question of the Week

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Which person in the bible has a name in which the second half is also the English translation of the first part?



## LOLZ

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I've decided to cut clocks out of my diet. It's too time consuming.



## Nageela Fun Fact

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People at Nageela West (who shall remain unnamed) often drink pickle juice. What a bunch of weirdos.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



# 162

DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION



# DVAR TORAH

## CONTINUED

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something that happened. They did not gain or grow in their understanding and appreciation of God. They already knew all this stuff. For them, singing would have been insensitive.

It's important for us to learn a balance in life. We need to be sensitive. We need to grow. Sometimes those two things fit together perfectly. Sometimes they don't. I was once approached by a terrific student who wanted to purposely mess up his tests so that his friend wouldn't feel bad (or maybe he was just lazy). What would you advise him to do? Think about it. I'm curious how many people will email or message me (after Shabbos, of course) with your thoughts.



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## Answer of the Week

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There are two people called Yonadav. Yona = dove.

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# PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly  
Torah porshon

## PARSHAS BESHALACH-

WE JUMP INTO THE WATER  
AND STAY DRY, THEN HAVE A  
DANCE PARTY.

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- ❶ AS THE JEWS RUN AWAY (DOO DOO DOO DOO DOODOO), RUN AWAY (DOO DOO DOO DOO DOODOO), RUN AWAY (DOO DOO DOO DOO DOODOO), RUN AWAY FROM EGYPT, THEY DON'T GO THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO ISRAEL, BUT INSTEAD CIRCLE AROUND TO THE YAM SUF (SEA OF REEDS).
- ❶ MOSES PERSONALLY BRINGS JOSEPH'S BONES, TO FULFILL THE OATH JOSEPH'S BROTHERS HAD TAKEN.
- ❶ GOD PROVIDES A PILLAR OF CLOUD TO GUIDE THEM DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, AND A PILLAR OF FIRE TO GUIDE THEM AT NIGHT, IN CASE THEIR HEADLIGHTS WOULDN'T WORK.
- ❶ PHARAOH FEELS REALLY DUMB FOR LETTING HIS SLAVES GO, AND HE GATHERS HIS ARMY TO CHASE THEM.
- ❶ THE JEWISH PEOPLE, SEEING THE EGYPTIAN ARMY, PANIC AND CRY OUT TO MOSES, WHO CALMS THEM DOWN AND GUARANTEES A GREAT SALVATION.
- ❶ MOSES STRETCHES HIS HAND OVER THE SEA. THE JEWISH PEOPLE ENTER, AND IT SPLITS, THE WATER FORMING WALLS ON EITHER SIDE. THE SURFACE IS COMPLETELY DRY LAND.
- ❶ WHEN THE EGYPTIANS ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW, THE GROUND GETS MUDDY AND THEIR HORSES NEED TO PLOD SLOWLY.
- ❶ MOSES AGAIN EXTENDS HIS HAND AND THE SEA COMES CRASHING DOWN ON THE EGYPTIANS FOR AN EPIC WIPE- OUT.
- ❶ THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE SAFE AT LAST (DOO DOO DOO DOO DOODOO), SAFE AT LAST (DOO DOO DOO DOO DOODOO), SAFE AT LAST (DOO DOO DOO DOO DOODOO), SAFE AT LAST.
- ❶ MOSES AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE SING A GRAND SONG OF PRAISE TO GOD.
- ❶ MIRIAM LEADS THE WOMEN, MANY OF WHOM, IN ANTICIPATION



OF  
MIRACLES  
H A D  
B R O U G H T  
A L O N G  
P E R C U S S I O N  
I N S T R U M E N T S , I N T H E I R  
O W N S O N G .

- ❶ WE GET TO A PLACE WHERE THE WATER TASTES BAD. I WAS JUST AT A PLACE IN DEATH VALLEY CALLED BADWATER, SO WE'LL CALL IT THAT. AT BADWATER, MOSES THROWS A TREE INTO THE WATER AND IT GETS SWEET. A SUGAR TREE? A CANDY CANE? WHO KNOWS.
- ❶ THE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY AND GUESS WHAT THEY DO? YUPPO, THEY COMPLAIN. REALLY? "ARE WE THERE YET? ARE WE THEEEEEERE YEEEEET?" GOD LITERALLY MAKES IT RAIN BREAD. ALSO QUAIL. QUAIL ARE FUNNY LOOKING BIRDS. DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE QUAIL THAT WALKED INTO A BAR?
- ❶ MOSES SAVES ONE CONTAINER OF THIS MANNA TO LAST FOREVER. I WONDER WHAT PRESERVATIVES THEY USED.
- ❶ THE PEOPLE AGAIN COMPLAINED THAT THEY WERE THIRSTY. MOSES HITS A ROCK (HE WAS SUPPOSED TO, THIS TIME) AND ENOUGH WATER COMES OUT TO GIVE THE ENTIRE NATION.
- ❶ THE NATION OF AMALEK BECOMES THE FIRST GROUP TO ATTACK THE JEWISH PEOPLE AFTER THE MIRACLES LEAVING EGYPT. THOSE SILLY AMALEKITES. WHAT WERE THEY THINKING? JOSHUA LEADS THE CHARGE AS WE FIGHT AGAINST THESE ENEMIES. MOSES STANDS (FOR A WHILE, AND THEN HE SITS) ATOP A HILL HOLDING HIS STAFF, AND AS LONG AS HE KEEPS HIS HANDS RAISED, THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE VICTORIOUS.
- ❶ GOD COMMANDS US TO ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT AMALEK DID (AND WOULD CONTINUE TO REPEAT THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AS OUR NEMESIS), AND TO ERASE ANY REMNANT OF AMALEK.

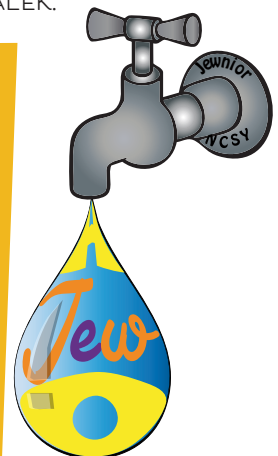


## Distinguished Doer

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Rabbi Shamshon Rafael Hirsch was one of the great leaders of the Jewish community in Germany for much of the 19th century. At that time, Jewish observance and study in Germany had been disappearing (sound familiar?) and acting as the Rabbi of the Frankfurt community, Rabbi Hirsch succeeded in slowing the tide of assimilation and creating a very strong, comitted and knowledgeable Jewish community in Germany. He worked really hard to ensure meaningful Jewish continuity.

He wrote several books including Horeb, Nineteen Letters and Commentary on the Torah.





# 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](mailto:stump@nageelawest.org)

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.



## ..... CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF PICKLES .....

Hi Rabbi,

What's the purpose of huge miracles like the splitting of the sea and the plagues? Bread falling from the sky??? And if they're important, why don't they happen all the time?

Thanks,  
Flint Lockwood

Dear Flint,

You're scooting to school and you get to a red light. You stop, waiting patiently for the WALK light to come on, right next to a mom holding the hand of a pre-schooler with a runny nose. You want to get out of there, but the light just isn't changing. Then you notice there's one of those thingies. You know, the pushy-light-changey-button-thingies. Do you push the button? Of course you push the button (maybe get a pump of hand sanitizer ready because of that runny nose kid). Does it work? Does it matter? Facts are that (mostly in large cities) the majority of pedestrian crossing buttons aren't actually hooked up to anything. So if you're reading this in Summerlin or Scottsdale, Irvine or Park City- places without a ton of traffic- those buttons actually do work, and often the light won't change without pushing one. But if you're in LA, downtown Las Vegas or Oakland, there's a good chance that button pushing doesn't do a thing. In New York City for example, only about 10 percent of those buttons function. There's a complex computer algorithm that controls when the light changes, and there's nothing you can do about it. I know, I've just ruined your life. Sorry. Really. I have a button you can push to make it better...

So why do cities maintain these pedestrian crossing buttons if they don't work? It's called the placebo effect. If you have to wait a while for the light to change, it can get very frustrating, but if you think you have control over it, then it's easier to deal with the time. The exact same amount of time waiting at the light seems

like a more manageable situation, because you were a part of the process. This is another great example of how human perceptions greatly change how we feel about things.

Where does our food come from?  
The microwave.  
That's depressing. What about before that?  
The fridge?  
OK, and how does it get to your fridge?  
Instacart.

I can keep going but I will, very uncharacteristically, hold myself back. We are conditioned to believe in cause and effect. You plant a seed, it grows. You do a job, you get a paycheck. You pickle a pickle and it becomes a pickle squared. But that's not REALLY how the world works. We learn that in this week's Torah portion. Bread doesn't come from the ground. It comes from God. Sometimes God brings it forth from the ground, sometimes from the sky, and perhaps sometimes from someone's elbow (I think that's where macaroni comes from). Gravity? Not a real thing. Historically, God seems to have wanted things to fall when dropped. But when he wanted to move water out of the sea? No worries. Miracles are not really miracles. They just show us that nature is an illusion.

So if miracles are so understandable and easy for God, why don't they happen all the time? Why don't we live in Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs? The placebo effect. We push buttons because it makes us feel like we're doing something. We go to work, cook food, plant stuff and double pickle things because it gives us the illusion that we have control. This makes it harder to fully trust in God, and allows us free choice. It creates a hiding place for God.

So let's recognize that there's a complex algorithm running everything. Or maybe alGODrithm... but let's push that button thingy anyway. Though it would be cool if it rained pickles every once in a while.

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.



# PICKLE JEWS

These walls of solid water are amazing!  
It's like magic!

So in other words...

WHEN WE GET THROUGH IT, I WANT TO SING  
PRAISE TO GOD!

WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE  
WIZARD OF OZ YASHIR!

LOCKER

## Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

This week's Parsha describes the Jews crossing the sea.

As we see it here transitioning to dry land, the Mid-rash describes that they walked on a beautiful mosaic floor. Yet the Egyptians' chariot wheels got stuck in the mud. There were fruits growing out of the walls. We've also shown bread falling from the sky.



## Happy Birthdays!

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