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DVAR TORAH

So why bother?

That's a good question.
Let's rewind a bit.

Have you ever read something in the Torah and been like, "This doesn't make sense?" Or perhaps you heard a Jewish law and thought, "Nah. That can't be."

It's natural for us to think our brains are logical and anything that doesn't seem to fit with that logic is twisted. It's normal for us to view right and wrong through the lens of our own sense of morality, and if someone or something doesn't fit with our moral compass, we tend to label them as wrong. The tricky part is that you can be almost guaranteed that whatever you believe, there's probably someone smarter than you. And there's also probably someone smarter than him. And someone is smarter than him, too. So who do you believe?

If you can't know that you're right, why bother?

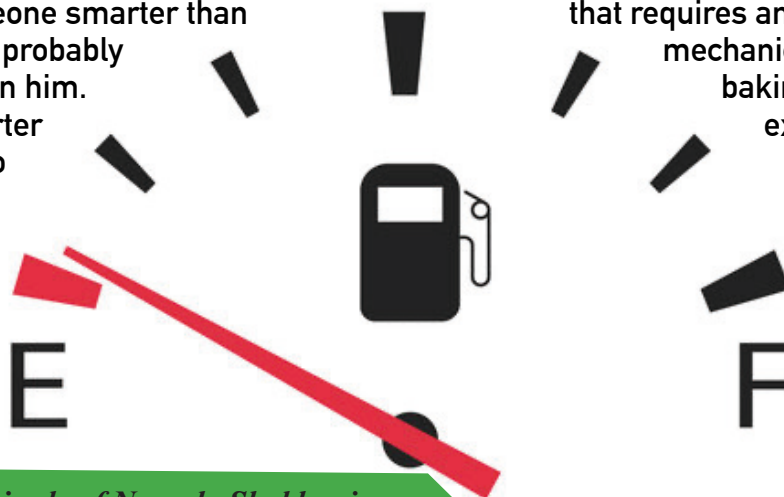
In this

week's portion, the Torah says,

"For it is not something empty, from you." It's hard to explain what that sentence means, but some commentaries say it is hinting, "Nothing the Torah says is empty (or false), and if it seems empty, the problem is with you." Ultimately, there's no higher or more reliable source for anything than the Torah. If there's something in the Torah that doesn't seem right, there are two options. Either the Torah is wrong or you're wrong. Which is more likely?

Many years ago, a teacher of mine trained our class, instead of saying, "That doesn't make sense," to replace it with, "I don't understand why that makes sense." Just as with any area that requires an expert, like medicine, mechanics, engineering or baking, you'd trust an expert's opinion over your own, God is the expert on all things, and the Torah is without flaw.

So rely on the wisdom of the Torah and those who teach it. Don't run on empty.



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**APPLE
JOKES**

FOR ROSH HASHANA

**WHAT KIND OF APPLE ISN'T AN APPLE?
A PINEAPPLE.**

**WHAT DO YOU CALL TWO APPLES NEXT TO
EACH OTHER?
A PEAR.**

**WHY DID THE APPLE PIE CRY?
ITS PEELINGS WERE HURT.**

**WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO WORK AT AN
APPLE PIE FACTORY?
BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUCH A HIGH
TURNOVER RATE.**

**WHAT KIND OF APPLE THROWS THE BEST
PARTIES?
GALA APPLES.**

**WHAT IS A MATH TEACHER'S FAVOURITE
DESSERT?
APPLE PI.**



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twins with birthdays in February. Both are in good health. Yet one will have to fast on Yom Kippur and one won't. How can this be?

It's actually not that hard. LMK if you figure it out.

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**DAYS UNTIL
CNW GIRLS
2025**

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**DAYS UNTIL
CNW BOYS
2025**

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

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