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## Torat Scene-A-Eye

*This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha. This week's is about Parshas Yisro*

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?

Spending this week in Israel has been some experience. A highlight for me, always, is the opportunity to meet up with Nageela camper and staff alumni in the Holy Land, seeing their growth, and sharing in their journey.

I'll be here a few more days, so if you're reading this and you're in Israel, please reach out and we'll get together.

We continue to pray for the health and success of our soldiers, including several Nageela and JR NCSY alumni who are serving in various units of the IDF.



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## Deep Thoughts

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**When sign makers go on strike, who makes their picket signs?**



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# DVAR TORAH

## RAISE TO PRAISE

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How would you best describe God?

- A. The God of the Universe
- B. The God of the world
- C. The God of the Jewish people
- D. My God



Of course those are all right answers. Yet when the Torah lays down the foundation of belief on the two tablets, the language used is singular. "I am Hashem YOUR (just one of you) God, who has taken you out of the Land of Egypt."

This is a little confusing in English.

It should have said your God and instead it says your God. Can you tell the difference? Argh. How do I explain this?

"Your" can mean "belonging to just one 'you'" or it can mean "belonging to many 'you's'." In Hebrew the plural version would look like אלוֹקִיכֶם but instead, God said אלוֹקִיךָ which means just one 'you.' Am I making any sense?

Are you feeling ab'yous'ed? Conf'yous'ed?

So why does the Torah use the singular 'you' and why make reference to leaving Egypt?

We learned something wild in Egypt.

Wild animals?

Well yes, but aside from that.

We learned how God interacts with every individual person on a unique, personal level. Take the plague of darkness. The Egyptians weren't blind. The land was dark. So dark you could tangibly feel the darkness like you can tangibly feel the mingled scent of sweat and Axe body

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## Question of the Week

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Where is laundry mentioned in the parsha?



## LOLZ

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I once tried to sue an airline when my baggage went missing.

I lost my case.



## 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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# DVAR TORAH

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spray in a teenage boys room. You can touch it. Yet when the Jews wandered into the Egyptians' homes, it was light out. The Jews didn't have night vision goggles. The sun was shining brightly. Seems impossible, right? Yeah, it kind of is. That's how God interacts with us. Each individual has our own universe, and though we interact with others, we're not really in the same world. At the same time, the Egyptians WERE in complete darkness and The Jews WERE in daylight.

So God isn't simply THE GOD OF THE EARTH or THE GOD OF THE JEWS. That would be missing a really important ingredient- perhaps the most important ingredient in understanding God.

He is MY God, YOUR God, the One who creates an entire universe for each individual. When you hear those words, אנכי ה' אלוקיך, "I am Hashem YOUR God," understand that's not a flex of being super powerful. It's a statement of personal `customer care."



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## Answer of the Week

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Before we received the Torah we were required to wash our clothing.



### Mazel Tov!

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Heartfelt Mazel tov to Netanel Jacoby upon his bar mitzvah!

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# PICKLE JEWS



*a brief summary of the weekly  
Torah parshon*

# PARSHAL PARSHA

## **PARSHAS YISRO-**

WE ALL SEE GOD AND HE TELLS  
US STUFF. ....

- ❶ JETHRO (OR YISRO) HAD BEEN THE PRIEST (OR LEADER) OF MIDIAN, AND ALSO THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MOSES. HE BRINGS MOSES' WIFE AND CHILDREN, AND JOINS THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE DESERT.
- ❶ JETHRO GIVES SOME LOGISTICAL ADVICE. MOSES WAS THE ONLY JUDGE, LEADER AND TEACHER FOR A NATION OF SEVERAL MILLION PEOPLE. WAITING IN LINE TO SPEAK WITH MOSES MADE THE DMV LOOK GOOD. JETHRO ADVISES MOSES TO CREATE AN ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF JUDGES, SO THAT PEOPLE WITH QUESTIONS OR DISPUTES CAN GO TO A LOWER LEVEL AUTHORITY, AND THEN IF NEEDED ESCALATE ALL THE WAY UP TO MOSES. THEREBY SAVING EVERYONE LOTS OF TIME, AND SAVING THEIR SANDALS MUCH WEAR AND TEAR.
- ❶ THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARRIVE AT MOUNT SINAI AND HE CAMPS AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN (IF YOU DON'T GET THE REFERENCE, SEE RASHI TO 19:2).
- ❶ GOD PROMISES THAT IF THE JEWS WILL KEEP THE TORAH HE WOULD GIVE, THEY WOULD BECOME A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION.
- ❶ THE PEOPLE AGREE. I DON'T THINK THEY SHAKE ON IT. BUT PERHAPS THEY SHAKE BECAUSE OF IT (SEE LATER).
- ❶ THE JEWS ARE INSTRUCTED TO SPEND THREE DAYS PREPARING, AND THEY SET UP YELLOW POLICE TAPE ALL AROUND THE MOUNTAIN.
- ❶ GOD SPEAKS TEN STATEMENTS, GIVING SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES AND VALUES OF LIFE. ALL OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE HEAR GOD SPEAKING. THEY ARE FRIGHTENED (HENCE THE SHAKING) AND ASK MOSES TO TAKE OVER.
- ❶ MOSES GOES UP THE MOUNTAIN AND SPENDS 40 DAYS UP THERE. MOUNTAIN-HANGER...



## Happy Birthdays!

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