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# DVAR LORAH

### **UPLOAD**

Have you ever been inside a cloud?

I think I remember an early flight, sitting at the window and having real concern as the plane suddenly plunged into nothingness. Of course, the plane faces no resistance from clouds it passes through. Moses, on the other hand, may have.

The Torah tells us that when the Mishkan (the portable temple we've been talking about for the past month) was completed, Moses was unable to enter while there was a divine cloud

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## Deep Thoughts

How do they get the deer to cross at those yellow signs?



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resting on it. He was later able to enter the Mishkan, and Rashi tells us that the cloud determined his ability. When the cloud rested on the Mishkan, Moses had to stay out. No flythroughs. When the cloud went away, Moses was able to enter and converse with God.

Interestingly, there were also clouds on Mount Sinai when Moses ascended to receive the Torah. What did Moses do? If he was unable to enter the cloud, how did he make it up to the Summit (yes, I capitalized Summit on purpose)? This is actually discussed in the Talmud, and there are two opinions. Rabbi Elazar says, God grabbed Moses and yanked him through. Even though Moses wasn't able to penetrate the thick cloud, he had a divine hand. Rabbi Yishmael, with a slightly different approach, says a pathway was made for Moses to pass, without actually entering the cloud. When the Torah says Moses entered "into the cloud," these two opinions differ whether it means actually in the cloud, or whether it means in between the cloud.

We all face clouds that impede us from our goals. Sometimes these clouds are challenges that are nothing more than a cloud in the path of a plane, and they don't really affect us. When we face a clould -an obstacle- is it real, or does it just look big?

Then there are times when the cloud is a true obstacle (and sometimes it's even good for us, like an obstacles that prevents us from doing stupid things). In the case of Moses, it would have been inappropriate (and impossible) for him to enter God's 'personal space' so to speak. Therefore there needed to be a strategy. But was that strategy based on pushing through (with God's help and permission) or was it finding a way arouuuuuuund the obstacle. Both are valid tools at the appropriate time. When we face a cloud, a challenge, an obstacle, a setback, it's important to realize that it's not game over. There may well be a way around it or through it.

Was this Dvar Torah too fluffy?



### Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Nageela Hall of Fame staff member Tova Locker upon her engagement to Yehuda Burger!



# Question of the Week

Which item worn in the temple service has the same name as a feature common in newspapers?



# LOLZ

What do you call a factory that does a good job?

A satisfactory







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### Answer of the Week

The tunic (or long shirt) worn by each Kohein was made of a checkered. textured white cloth. and was called the kesones tashbetz-the crosshatched tunic. In modern Hebrew, a crossword puzzle is called a Tashbetz.



### Wrong Answers Only

We asked the following question to some of our groups:

"The Choshen- chestplate of the Head Kohein often would give coded messages. What message would you reallilly NOT want to see?"

- You're a Terrible person!
- Skiing is forbid-
- Tik Tok is banned permanently
- You must eat p'tcha
- There's a full day of school on Sunday?
- The world is ending on Tuesday
- 404 error. This page does not exist



It was a privelege this week to speak about Judaism and antisemitism at Ecker Hill Middle School in Park City, Utah.

It was awesome to begin our first ever JR NCSY lunch n Learn at Harkham Hillel Academy in Los Angeles!













Monday March 315t Grades 4-6 at 5-6:15pm Grades 7-8 at 6:30-8pm Craft Night

(i) Zucker Jewish Academy-Las Vegas RSVP required HAVE A FUN IDEA FOR OUR NEXT PICKLE JEWS COMIC, LOLZ OR DEEP THOUGHTS?

Please share it with us! dlocker@nageelawest.org



### **Happy Birthdays!**

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