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TIME IS... BY RABBI DANI LOCKER



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“Time is money! Time is money! How many times have I told you that? Get a move on!”

Kyle took out his frustration on his young assistant, who had already wasted nearly 6 minutes. Kyle was known for his great business skill. He never wasted time, because every moment was a chance to make more money. He was successful because of his unquenchable desire to gain more, and his tireless work ethic. His key phrase, the motto he taught his employees, his children and even random people he bumped into was, “time is money.”

Fast forward 40 years, and Kyle is sitting uncomfortably in his wheel chair, waiting for a visit from his grandson, who he barely knows. Kyle realizes he doesn't have long to live, and he has missed out on many valuable and meaningful life experiences.

“Sorry I'm late, Grandpa,” says Kyle III, breezing into the room with his business suit, still typing in his smartphone. “I had to stay late at work to finish an important meeting, and pushing it till tomorrow would have wasted valuable time. Time is money, right?” He says, knowing he is quoting his grandfather's mantra.

“No.” Kyle answers hoarsely.

The younger Kyle glances up briefly from his email, confused at what he's just heard. “What do you mean Grandpa?”

“Money is just money.” Kyle sighs. “Time is life. And life... life is goodness.” He reaches out and envelopes his grandson in a hug.

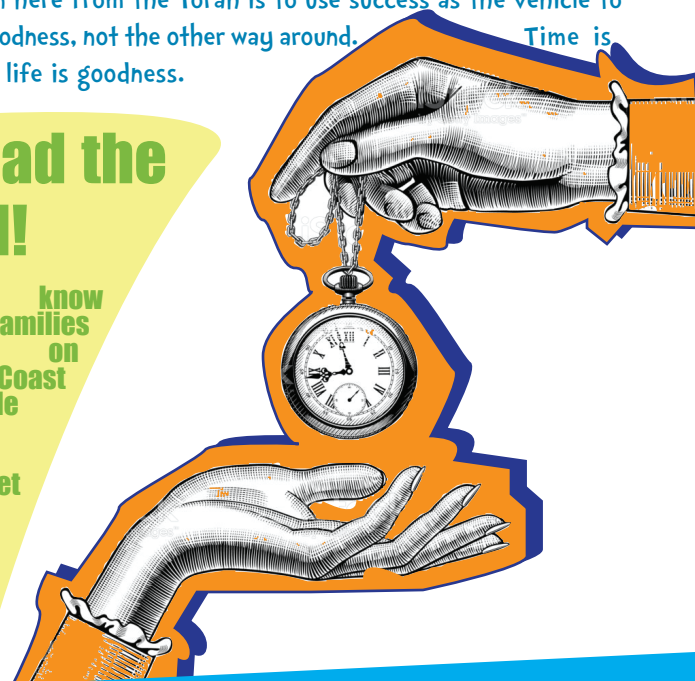
In this week's Torah portion, God tells us, “I have placed before you... life and goodness... and you should choose life.” The

implication is that goodness and life are linked together, because living with goodness will cause us joy and success in living. Life is mentioned before goodness, because our GOAL in life has to be goodness. Then the result will be LIFE. If instead, the goal is a successful life, then we won't find the time or motivation for goodness.

We all want to do good, and we all want a good life. The only question is which is the vehicle and which is the goal. Our direction here from the Torah is to use success as the vehicle to reach goodness, not the other way around. Time is life, and life is goodness.

Spread the word!

Do you know Jewish families anywhere on the West Coast with Middle School children? Please get them in touch with us!



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YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

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Get Lost

Hi Rabbi,

I have heard that all Jews come from only 3 of the original 12 tribes, and that the rest of the tribes somehow got lost. I've heard some weird legends about them, too. Also, it's supposed to be 10 lost tribes, so wouldn't that be 13? Maybe I'm one of the lost tribes, because I'm not sure what's going on.

Thanks,

Samuel Batyon



**stump the
rabbi**

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question. Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Dear Sam Batyon,

Your information is correct, and yes, it's confusing, so here goes. Our ancestor Jacob had 12 sons. There are also 12 tribes of Israel. These aren't exactly the same. WHAAAAT? Yeah. Here's what happened. I'm going to give you a load of history in a very short amount of time: When we talk about the 12 tribes, it's based on their division of territory in the land of Israel. Levi, the 3rd son of Jacob, did not receive any Israeli real estate. His 'tribe' was dedicated to being the spiritual leaders of the Jewish people, and therefore were not involved in farming or taking care of land. However, Joseph (he's the one who was a ruler in Egypt) got a double portion, and his two sons each became tribes. So the lists look something like this:

12 Sons of Jacob	12 Tribes of Israel
Reuven	Reuven
Shimon	Shimon
Levi	Yehuda
Yehuda	Yissachar
Yissachar	Zevulun
Zevulun	Dan
Dan	Naftali
Naftali	Gad
Gad	Asher
Asher	Menashe son of Yosef
Yosef	Ephraim son of Yosef
Binjamin	Binjamin

And so, we lived happily in Israel for a while. Then, after King Solomon died, there was a civil war. The ten Northern Tribes split off from the Kingdom of Judah,

which included Benjamin (and Levi, the mysterious 13th tribe). Then, a while later, the northern kingdom got conquered, and everybody got put into UPS trucks and shipped off to a galaxy far, far away. Or a different country, at least. Then they were GONE. Most opinions for a thousand years or more agreed that they had simply assimilated into whatever societies they ended up, and disappeared. That's mostly true. Mostly...

Over the past thousand years a number of groups have claimed to be descended from the ten lost tribes. Almost 1200 years ago, a traveler named Eldad Hadani claimed to be from the tribe of Dan, deep in Africa, where, he said, his tribe still kept the Torah and traditions of Judaism. His story was never completely verified, but many authorities at the time believed him. In more recent years, it appears quite likely that a large group of people from Ethiopia are indeed descendants of these lost tribes.

There are groups in India, Afghanistan, and various other parts of Asia and Africa who seem to have some links to ancient Jewish tribes. Some historians even suggest that native American tribes from South and Central America might be descended from our lost brothers. Wait a second... is, like, everybody Jewish? Highly unlikely. Even if portions of these tribes have Jewish roots, there has been so much intermarriage and assimilation with other tribes, it would be extremely difficult to determine anyone's current Jewish identity. Do you want to know who else claims to be descendants of the tribes? The Mormons

believe they are from Menashe. Hmm.

So that's the story of the lost tribes. I find it fascinating to imagine, when Mashiach comes and we have clarity in exactly who comes from whom, how many Jews there are, literally lost among the nations of the world.

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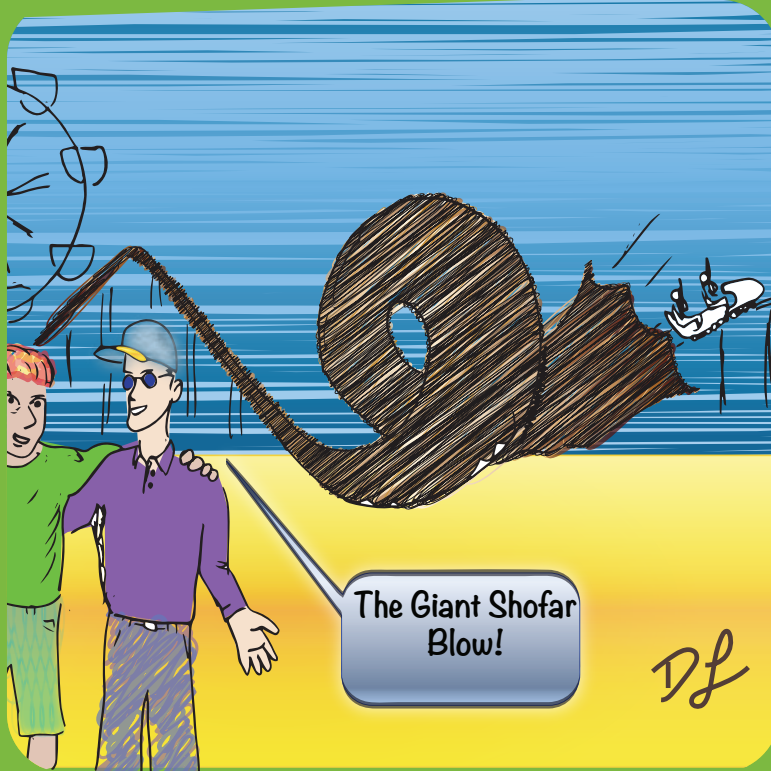
the Rabbi.

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP



I'm so excited about this new amusement park! Which ride are you looking forward to?



The Giant Shofar Blow!

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QUICK FIX

TESHUVA: It's the word that means returning to God and fixing mistakes of the past. But did you know that's actually a positive commandment? Teshuva isn't just an opportunity, it's an obligation! When we hurt our relationship with God, He begs us to return to him, and helps us do it! 'tis the season!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to family members who have celebrated recently:

- Paz Simchon
- Matt Sheynis
- Berit Ben-Shimon
- Yosef Arnell
- Shmuel Jacobs
- Dassie Rothman
- Sari Lewis

DEEP THOUGHTS

IF YOU HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT NOT TOETIPS, WHY CAN YOU TIPTOE, BUT NOT TIFINGER?



TO YONI MOWERY UPON HIS BAR MITZVAH LAST week!

SHOUT IT FROM THE HAYSTACKS

WE'VE EXTENDED OUR LABOR DAY SALE THROUGH SEPT. 15TH

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CAMP NAGEELA WEST WILL RETURN TO NORTHERN UTAH FOR SUMMER 2021

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MONDAY, SEPT. 14TH 7:00PM | 9509 Sawyer St., LA
RSVP to Rachel Nahum 310 500-7678

JR NCSY

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LA ZOOM SAN DIEGO

JUNIOR NCSY KICKOFF EVENT SUNSET PICNIC ON THE BEACH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 6TH-8TH GRADE

BEACH La Jolla Shores, Lifeguard Tower #32

6pm-8pm

Individual pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be distributed
***Please bring own blanket**

Rabbi Dani Locker, Director of Juniors Programming locker@ncsy.org 917 613-1037

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What do you call a kid who steals the tzedaka box?

a Jewvenile Delinquent!

OUCH! GROAN!

Do you have a better joke? I sure hope so! Send it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

JR. NCSY PRESENTS:

Rosh Hashanah HONEY CAKE BAKE!

Monday, September 14th 4:30 pm

Zoom ID: 749 321 5298

Have some fun in the kitchen as we bake some delicious honey cake and get pumped as we explore the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashanah with an awesome Kahoot!

Amazon Gift Card Prizes!

- INGREDIENTS:**

 - 1 cup white sugar
 - 1 cup honey
 - ½ cup vegetable oil
 - 4 large eggs
 - 1 cup orange juice
 - 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
 - 3 tsp baking powder
 - ½ tsp baking soda
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 1 tsp ground cinnamon

Remember to Purchase Ingredients in Advance

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DAYS TO CAMP NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION

DAYS TO CAMP NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

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Our "questions encouraged" mindset makes Nageela a comfortable learning and growing environment for Jewish children of all backgrounds.

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