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Bikkurim

Hey Kids!

Are *you* going to THE BIG EVENT?

Every Shavuot, thousands of Jewish kids and adults around the world make their way to the synagogue to hear the 10 Commandments being read out loud from the Torah.

On Shavuot, G-d gave us the greatest gift of all: The Torah! The entire Jewish nation stood at the foot of Mount Sinai and together as one, promised to accept and keep the Torah forever.

G-d required a guarantee that we would keep His Torah precious for all eternity. Many guarantors were offered, but it was only when YOU – the Jewish children, agreed to keep Torah alive forever, did G-d give us the Torah!

YOU are the guests of honor!

Take part in the Big Event by going to the Synagogue, listening to the 10 Commandments and once again accepting the best present G-d has ever given us!

**Want to know how YOU can be part of the biggest
ice-cream party around?** Log onto our website:



to find out how to win a FAMILY TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD.



Celebrate Shavuot and
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4 Airline Tickets



4 Five-day Passes



4 Hotel Nights

WIN OTHER GREAT PRIZES!



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MISSION CARD



Hear the 10
 Commandments
 in the
 Synagogue



Stay up at night
 and learn Torah



Light
 Holiday
 Candles



Create your own
 Ice Cream flavor
 & Eat Dairy foods

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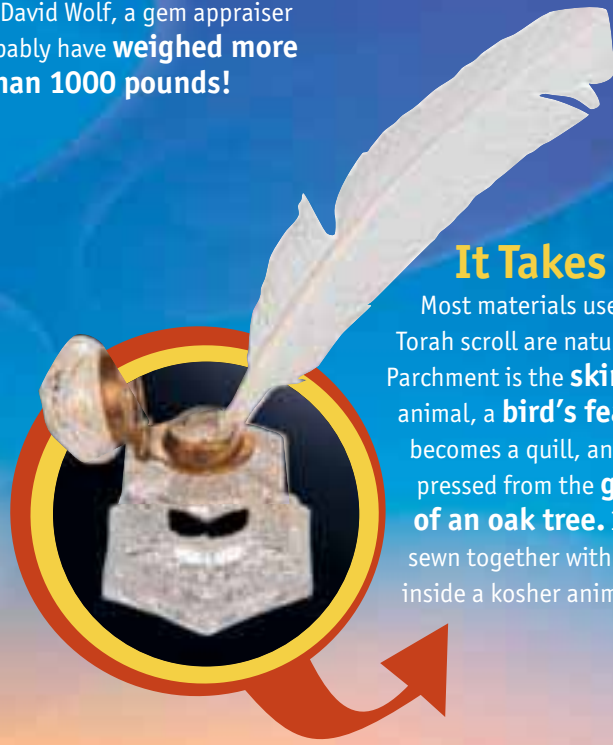
Holy Sapphire!

The Luchot were two **solid sapphire squares**. Each one was approximately 19 inches wide, 19 inches high and almost 10 inches thick! Not that anyone has ever found a jewel that big, but according to David Wolf, a gem appraiser in New York, the luchot would probably have **weighed more than 1000 pounds!**



It Takes Guts

Most materials used to make a Torah scroll are natural: Parchment is the **skin** of a kosher animal, a **bird's feather** becomes a quill, and ink is pressed from the **gall nuts of an oak tree**. It's even sewn together with **veins** from inside a kosher animal.



Totally Torah!

When Moses was on top of Mount Sinai, G-d gave him two square tablets called "Luchot," with a total of 10 Commandments carved into them. Nowadays, a "Sofer" or scribe, hand-writes a Torah scroll that includes those 10 Commandments and the entire Written Torah Moses was taught on Mount Sinai. Not even one word has changed since the day we received the Torah on Shavuot!

It truly is the most precious gift of all!

Out of
this

World!

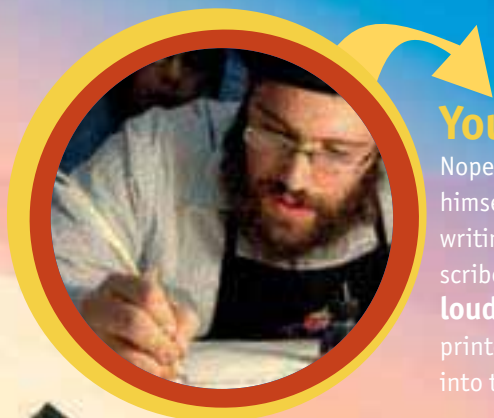
It Just Can't Be DeScribed!

Cut and paste doesn't cut it in a Torah. **If a mistake is found** in G-d's name, it cannot be corrected. Instead, the entire section—usually about four columns of text—**must be re-written by the scribe.**



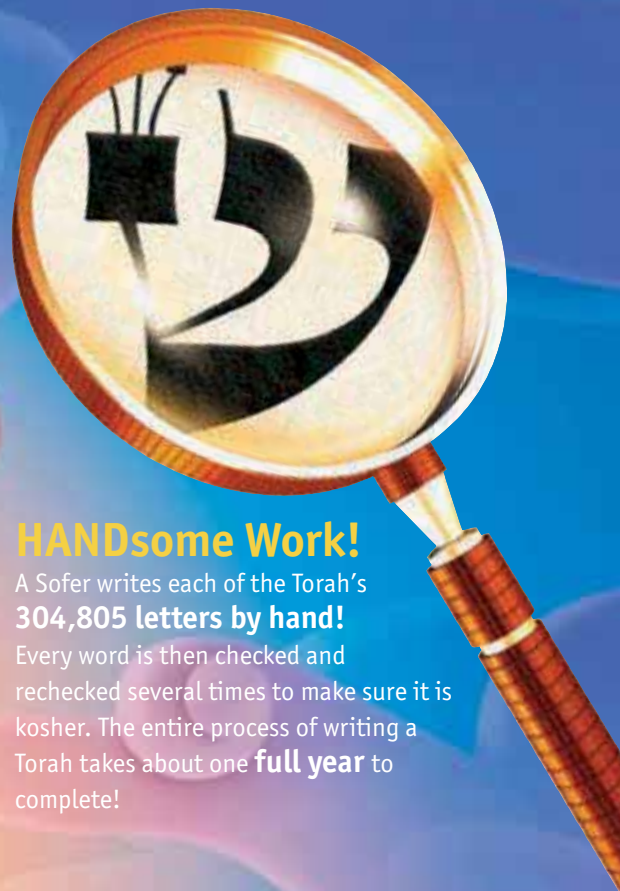
Secure Line

During his lifetime, Moses personally wrote 13 Torah scrolls. He placed one in the Holy Ark of the Temple and gave one to each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Through every generation – over 3,320 years of writing Torahs – every one has been identical!



You Talkin' to Me?

Nope, that's the scribe talking to himself! To make sure he is writing each letter perfectly, the scribe **reads each word out loud** from an open Chumash, or printed Torah, and then copies it into the scroll.



HANDsome Work!

A Sofer writes each of the Torah's **304,805 letters by hand!**

Every word is then checked and rechecked several times to make sure it is kosher. The entire process of writing a Torah takes about one **full year** to complete!

בְּרֵאשִׁית

MOSES FOR PRESIDENT



DAMAGE CONTROL

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Burned his tongue as a child, now has speech impediment	Aaron his brother will take care of press conferences
Born in Egypt	Amend constitution
Killed an Egyptian taskmaster	He did it to protect the life of an oppressed minority
Too humble to be president	Let G-d handle this one!


"Hello friends. I'm Jono Weinsteinstein.
 You know, with all the presidential campaign excitement going on around me, I got to thinking – you know who would make a good president? Me.
 Then again, I'd probably make a horrible president – but a fantastic vice-president. So I started thinking back to Hebrew School and realized that one of the greatest leaders of all time was Moses! Enter two hot-shot marketing guys and some unwitting credit card companies and without further ado we have **Moses/Jono '08: The Winning Team!**"





CATCH THE LATEST SCOOP! JOIN JONO, STEVE AND DEREK AS THEY UNRAVEL THE JUICY DETAILS OF THIS HIGHLY ORIGINAL CAMPAIGN.





I'm about to have a power lunch with my marketing guys, Steve and Derek.


 So gentlemen, according to your research what is Moses' strongest quality?


 Definitely his ability to care for each individual.


 True, true. Moses used to be a shepherd. He cared for his flock so much that he once spent 3 whole days looking after one little, lost sheep. This showed G-d that Moses would be the right person to lead the Jewish people.


 Sheep are awesome!
Let's move on to some damage control issues. Tell me about Moses' background. Wasn't he raised as an Egyptian?


 After extensive research we can confidently say that Moses is as Jewish as they get. At the time of his birth, the law was that all Jewish boys had to be killed, so his mother placed him in a basket and sent him down the Nile. He was found by an Egyptian princess who adopted him and raised him in the palace of Pharaoh himself.


 Baskets are awesome!
But seriously, shouldn't the voters be nervous that after living as an Egyptian for so many years, Moses' loyalties will be to the enemy?

 Absolutely not! And here's the proof: While he was living in the palace, Moses used to go out to help his Jewish brothers in their backbreaking labor.


 You're absolutely right, Derek.
When he saw a Jew being beaten to death by an Egyptian slave-driver, he killed him to save the Jewish slave's life. Pharaoh was furious, and Moses had to flee for his life!


 Fleas are NOT awesome!
So I guess you guys feel that Moses has the courage needed for the job, right?


 Courage? Ha! This guy walked straight into Pharaoh's palace and ordered him to "Let My people go!" not once, not twice, but over a dozen times!


 Now THAT takes courage! So, have you gotten Moses to officially endorse the campaign?


 What?


 I don't think he knows, Steve.

 Oh, wow. Ok Mr. Weinstein, I'm going to say this as gently as possible: This is not a real campaign. Moses passed away over 3,000 years ago. And besides, Moses would have never agreed to this campaign. He was so humble that it took G-d an entire week to convince him to lead the Jewish people.

 Aw, man! I should totally have checked that out before I gave you guys thousands of dollars. What a waste!

 Not exactly sir. Although he passed away so long ago, Moses is the very best example of a genuine leader.

 The truth is, Moses lives on! In every generation, great Jewish leaders arise who lead their people, caring for them greatly. And soon, Moshiah will come, leading us to true peace, just like Moses himself!

 I'll drink to that! L'chaim!



For more campaign info log on to our website or go to: www.ItcheKadoozy.com



TARGET DEMOGRAPHICS

THE BIBLE BELT:
MOSES IS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE.

JEWISH PEOPLE AGED 1 - 120:
MOSES LIVED TO BE 120 YEARS OLD.

FARMERS:
MOSES TENDED SHEEP FOR YEARS.

DIFFICULT DEMOGRAPHICS

EGYPTIANS. CANAANITES. PHILISTINES. AMALEKITES.

POSSIBLE SWING VOTE: NOABITES.

Wake up! Wake up!
Are YOU ready for
The Big Event?
It's time for... the
Giving of the Torah!

Experience the awe and
excitement of Mount Sinai
all over again with the
festival of Shavuot!

And what a thrill it was...



WELCOME TO
TORAH LAND

It's the real thing!
Learn Torah

The people came streaming from all sides. Moses had called! For 7 weeks they had been counting day by day, eagerly awaiting the time when they would become G-d's chosen nation!

With beating hearts they listened as their beloved leader announced: *"In just a few days, we will experience the greatest event known to mankind! We need to do all we can to prepare ourselves for this great and holy day."*

Prepare themselves they did! They washed and bathed, cleaned and scrubbed; and studied the Torah laws they had already received, over and over again.

The very next day, Moses assembled the people once again. This time he relayed a message from G-d, telling them that G-d wanted

to give them His most prized possession: The Torah!

The Jewish people cried out as one: **"NAASEH VENISHMAH! Everything G-d has told us, we will do and we will listen!"**

These words gave G-d great joy. They had accepted the Torah out of love, without first stopping to ask what was in it.

Thousands of angels came down from Heaven, placing two crowns on each person's head, as a reward for the two spoken words of acceptance!

The 5th day of Sivan was drawing to a close. The very next day they would stand before Mount Sinai to hear G-d's voice and receive the Torah! The Jewish people went to

sleep early that night, trembling with excitement for the event still to come.

A new day dawned. But where were the Jews?

They had slept in! Moshe quickly ran around the camps.

"Wake up! The great day has finally arrived! G-d awaits us at Mount Sinai, and we dare not keep G-d waiting!"

The people woke with a jump and hurried to the foot of the mountain. Looming before them was Mount Sinai, miraculously decorated in lush, green grass and beautiful flowers, in honor of the Torah.

The time had come!

**TORAH LAND
MAP**
Insider's Info on
The Big Event!
next page



7 From the moment the Jewish people left Egypt, they began counting the days, higher and higher until they would reach day 49 and experience the exhilarating rush of the Giving of the Torah!

6 G-d chose Mount Sinai out of all the mountains in the desert, because this was the most humble mountain of all. Mount Sinai was transformed into a beautiful mountain, fit for the Torah, and was so holy that only Moses was allowed on it.

8 Think those little white balls are golf balls? Think again! They're *Manna*, the special food G-d prepared each day for the people to eat while they were in the desert. Believe it or not, the people were able to make the Manna taste like anything they wanted. Cool!



ROLLER-COASTER SEFIRAH RIDE!



MAGIC MOUNTAIN



MINI-MANNA GOLF COURSE!



DOUBLE CROWN BOUNCE



PILLAR O' FIRE!



MIRIAM'S WISHING WELL

9 Thousands of angels came down from the sky to present each Jewish person with two golden crowns. "Naaseh Venishmah! We will do and we will listen!"

10 Wherever the Jews travelled in the desert, this miraculous rock traveled with them, giving water whenever it was needed.

11 Cloud by day and fire by night, this flaming torch helped lead the people through the desert, protecting them from any harm.





5
GLOBAL GLIDE

5 The world stands on 3 things: Torah, Prayer and Acts of Kindness. Do all 3 and you can be assured of a happy, healthy and peaceful world!

4 If back-breaking slave-labor and terrible torture is too much for you, then Escape from Egypt with Moses and the Children of Israel!

3
WALLS OF WATER!



4
ESCAPE FROM EGYPT

3 Experience the miracles of the Splitting of the Sea once again. Be careful not to get wet!

2 Get your ice-cream here! No time to prepare kosher meat dishes, so feast on dairy products instead.

1 Are you a Kid? Then this is the place for you! Kids are the guarantee that Torah will be kept and passed on forever and ever.

2
YE OLDE ICE-CREAM SHOPPE



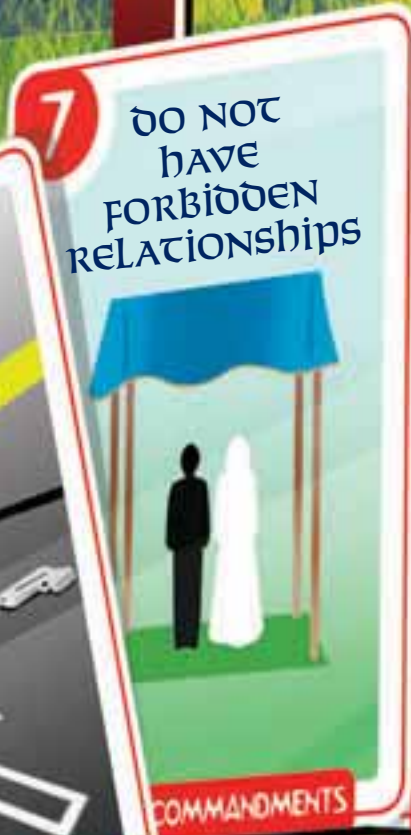
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KIDZONE!

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THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Are
YOU
playing
by the
rules?





DO NOT WORSHIP ANY OTHER GODS

DO NOT MAKE AN OATH USING G-D'S NAME IN VAIN

REMEMBER THE SHABBAT DAY AND keep it holy

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

DO NOT BE JEALOUS OF YOUR NEIGHBOR

Before Shavuot, holiness was only present up in heaven, but when G-d came down to Mount Sinai and brought His precious gift with Him, holiness came down to earth for the first time!

When G-d began to say the 10 Commandments, the entire universe stopped. Not a bird flew in the sky, not an ant crawled on the ground. There was total and utter silence as everyone waited to hear the Word of G-d. And suddenly... His voice was heard from one end of the world to the other, and miraculously, it had no echo!

Every single Jewish soul was at that event, even the ones that had yet to be born—like us! They all

watched as Moses descended from heaven with two sapphire tablets engraved with words of fire! All the people who were there were healed of any sickness. The blind could see, the deaf could hear, the crippled could walk!

How were all these miracles able to happen? Because holiness was now present on earth, and the supernatural was able to take place within nature.

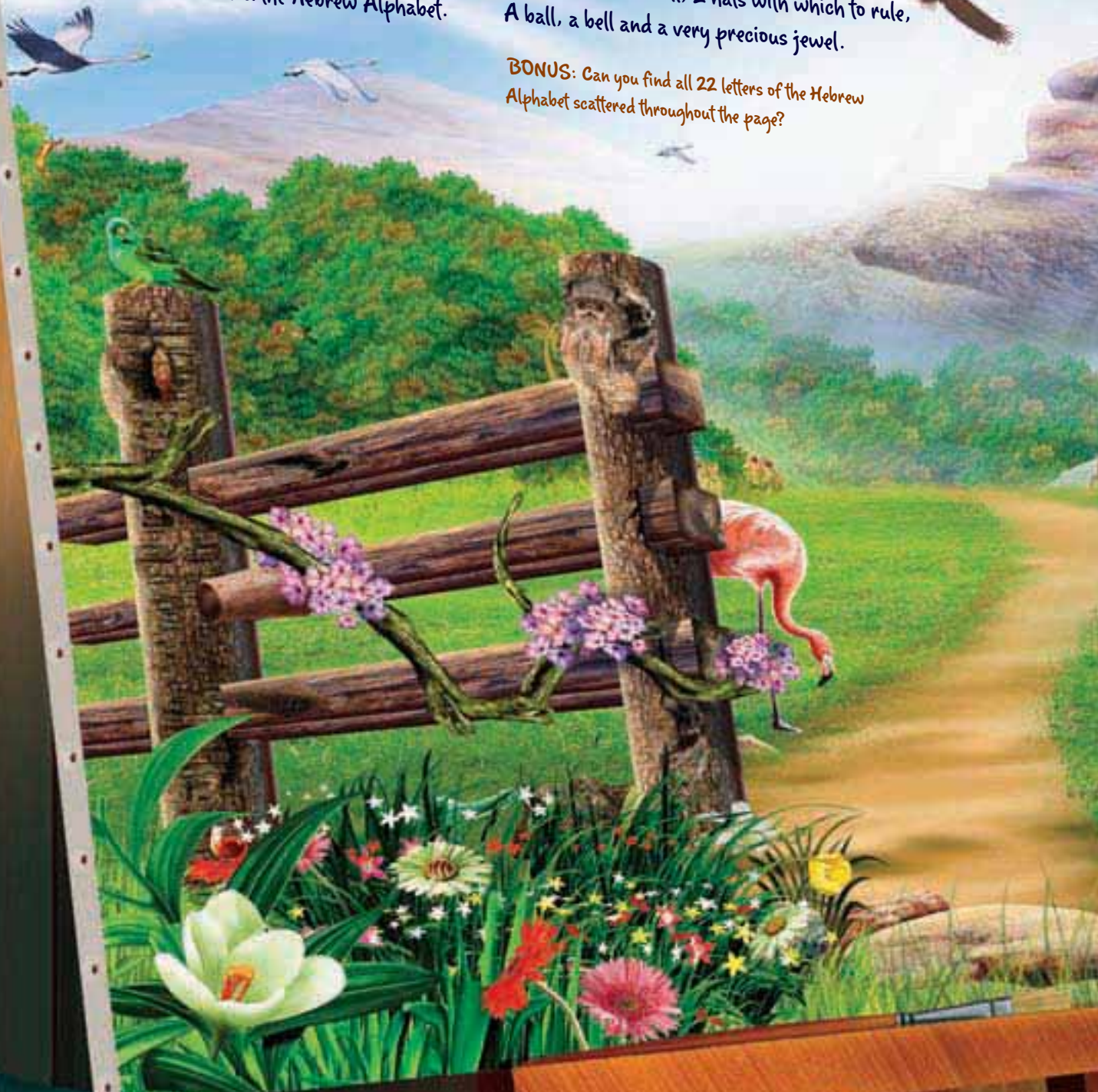
From now on, holiness will always be present in the world, through the learning and keeping of G-d's Torah and Mitzvot. The more we do, the more G-dliness will be revealed, until Moshiach will come and G-d can be among us once again, just like He was on Shavuot!

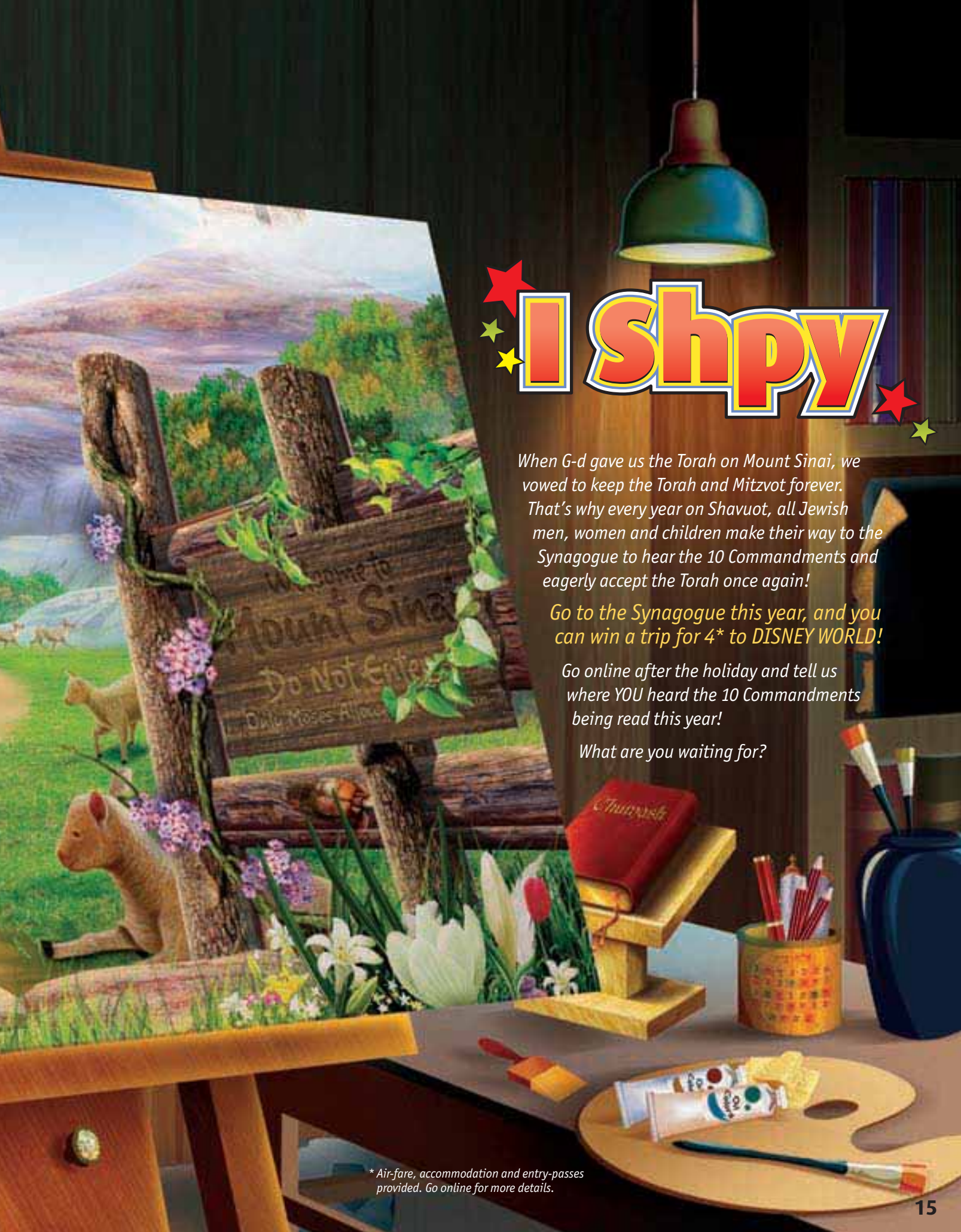
Are you ready to lend a hand?

I Shpy a candle, a pillow and a ring,
9 paint brushes and a buzzer with a sting.
A cork, an ice-cream, lions of a set,
The number 49 and the Hebrew Alphabet.

I Shpy an olive, a quill and some cheese,
A glass of kosher wine and 2 palm trees.
An ink-well, a scroll, 2 hats with which to rule,
A ball, a bell and a very precious jewel.

BONUS: Can you find all 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet scattered throughout the page?





I Shpy

When G-d gave us the Torah on Mount Sinai, we vowed to keep the Torah and Mitzvot forever. That's why every year on Shavuot, all Jewish men, women and children make their way to the Synagogue to hear the 10 Commandments and eagerly accept the Torah once again!

Go to the Synagogue this year, and you can win a trip for 4 to DISNEY WORLD!*

Go online after the holiday and tell us where YOU heard the 10 Commandments being read this year!

What are you waiting for?

* Air-fare, accommodation and entry-passes provided. Go online for more details.

KIDS in the Kitchen



YOU BE THE CHEF!

LET'S MAKE AN
**ICE CREAM
SINAI!**



got milk?

It's not just an advertisement.

Milk is one of the things that help us celebrate Shavuot!



When the Jews received the Torah, they learned that koshering meat was not so simple. It took lots of time, loads of knowledge and a ton of all-new dishes. But could they let this special day pass without a holiday feast?

No! So feast they did – on milk products instead of meat!

This is one of the many reasons we celebrate the holiday with all kinds of DAIRY DELIGHTS from cheesecake, to ice cream and everything in between!

Here's a chance to make your very own ICE CREAM SINAI!

INGREDIENTS

BASE:



Your favorite moist brownies
Enough to fill a 9x13 inch baking pan.

ICE CREAM:



20 oz. whipping cream



½ cup confectioners' sugar



½ tsp. vanilla extract



3 eggs



½ cup brownie crumbs (left over from base)

Optional:



Your favorite fruits, nuts or sprinkles to flavor the ice cream.



TOPPING:

Chocolate syrup



8 oz. whipping cream



Colorful flower sprinkles

TOOLS

- Salad bowl
- Plastic cling wrap
- Electric mixer
- Mixing bowl
- Plastic spatula
- Knife or spatula for spreading
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Glass cup
- Serving plate

INSTRUCTIONS

Hint: If you want to make your Ice-Cream Sinai quick and easy, try using store-bought ice-cream instead!

PREPARE THE MOUNTAIN:



1. Line the salad bowl with a double layer of plastic cling wrap.
2. Press small chunks of chocolate brownies against the sides of the bowl until it is lined with brownies about 1 inch thick. Save the leftover crumbs to use in step 9.

FILL THE MOUNTAIN:



3. Pour the whipping cream into the mixing bowl. With the help of your adult assistant, use the mixer to whip the cream until it is firm and has formed stiff peaks.



4. Carefully crack one egg at a time into a glass, checking for blood spots as you go along.



5. Add eggs, confectioners' sugar and vanilla extract to the whipped cream.



6. *Optional:* Add ½ cup of your favorite syrup, fruit, nuts or sprinkles to give the ice cream a unique flavor.

7. Mix until creamy, first at a low speed then medium. Do not over mix.

8. Use the spatula to transfer the ice cream into the brownie-lined bowl.

9. Top the ice cream with the remaining brownie crumbs. Leave about 1 inch between the crumbs and the top of the bowl.

10. Cover well and freeze overnight.

TOP THE MOUNTAIN:



11. Whip up the whipped cream for the topping until it forms stiff peaks. Keep it in the freezer until you are ready to top the mountain.

12. About 10 minutes before you are ready to serve the ice cream, take it out of the freezer.



13. Turn the bowl upside-down over the serving plate and carefully remove the bowl and plastic wrap. *This may be tricky, so you might want your adult assistant to help.*

14. Use the knife or thin spatula to spread the whipped cream over the mountain.



15. Decorate! Drizzle the chocolate syrup and scatter the flower sprinkles over your Ice-Cream Sinai!

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A BLESSING BEFORE EATING!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְנֵי מִזְנוֹת.

Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hainu Melech Ha-olam Borei Minei Mezonot.

CHALLENGE

Eat some dairy delights this Shavuot, and tell us about your wackiest idea for an ice-cream flavor!

Enter online to win the all-new,
incredible Roboquad!

enter online to win!





Modern miracles
signaling the
times of Moshiach

Mind Games!

Craving a cold can of Coke?

Pining for a packet of popcorn?

Don't you wish you could play but still have both hands free?

Stop wishing... it's here!

Mind controlled video games! E-motive is a new kind of game controller. It looks like a tightly-fitted helmet, but it's way cooler than that. Wear it while playing the latest video games and it picks up **signals from your brain**, guiding your on-screen character without you having to lift a finger! It even adjusts the color and sounds to your preferences simply by sensing what you like best!

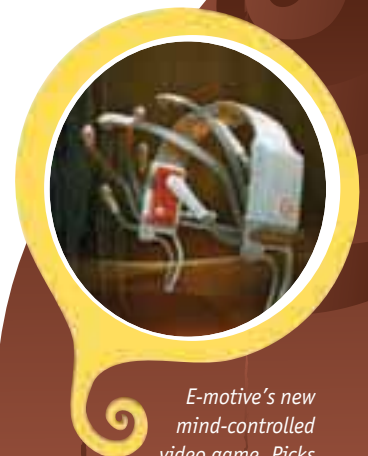
Imagine how this technology can be developed! Before you know it, we'll turn on lights with our minds, shop in our brains, talk to each other with mental waves...whew!

This sounds just like the days of Moshiach! When Moshiach comes, we won't have to do anything other than sit and learn G-d's precious Torah.

What about food? What about money? Simple! E-motive is just a taste of what is waiting for us. Hungry? No big deal! **Just think** about what food you'd like to eat – and presto, any food you can imagine will pop up right in front of you!

The lawn needs mowing? Don't worry, it'll be freshly mowed without you having to move from your chair! Whatever we want, whatever we need will be taken care of. Why? So we can spend all our time doing what G-d loves most – learning His Torah! When Moshiach comes, G-d will take care of everything we need, so we can devote all our time to learning and doing good deeds.

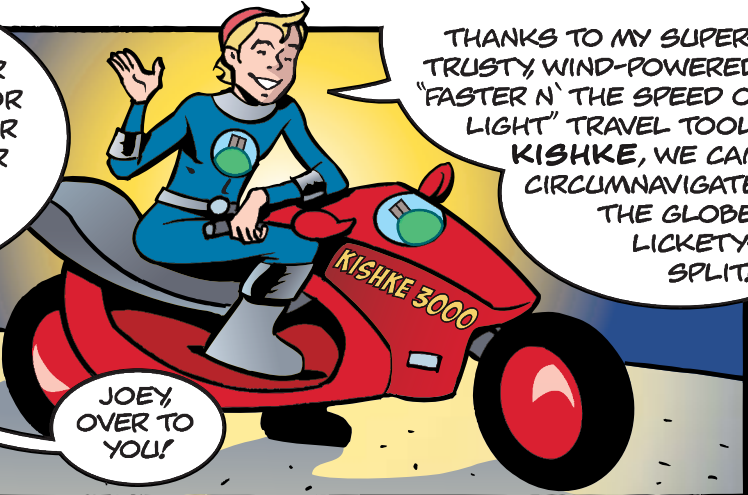
Sounds good? Let's learn some Torah and bring Moshiach now.



E-motive's new mind-controlled video game. Picks up signals from your brain, moving your characters without controls or joysticks!

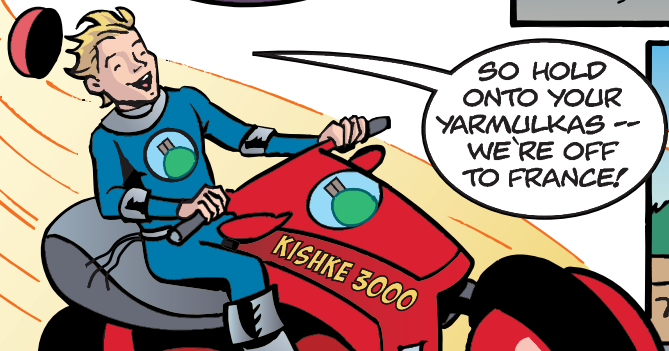


HELLO, VIEWERS!
TODAY WE SEND OUR
INTREPID INVESTIGATOR
ON A WHIRLWIND TOUR
TO FIND THE ANSWER
TO ONE VERY
IMPORTANT
QUESTION:
WHY DID
G-D GIVE THE
TORAH TO THE
JEWISH
PEOPLE?

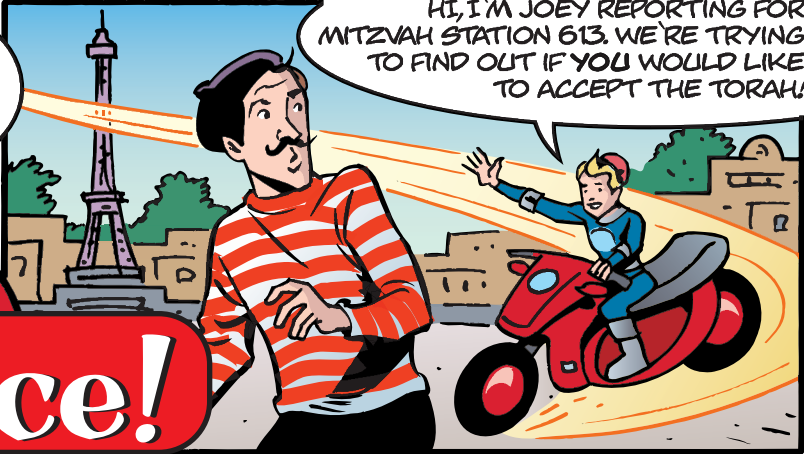


THANKS TO MY SUPER-
TRUSTY, WIND-POWERED,
"FASTER N' THE SPEED O'
LIGHT" TRAVEL TOOL,
KISHKE, WE CAN
CIRCUMNAVIGATE
THE GLOBE,
LICKETY-
SPLIT!

JOEY,
OVER TO
YOU!

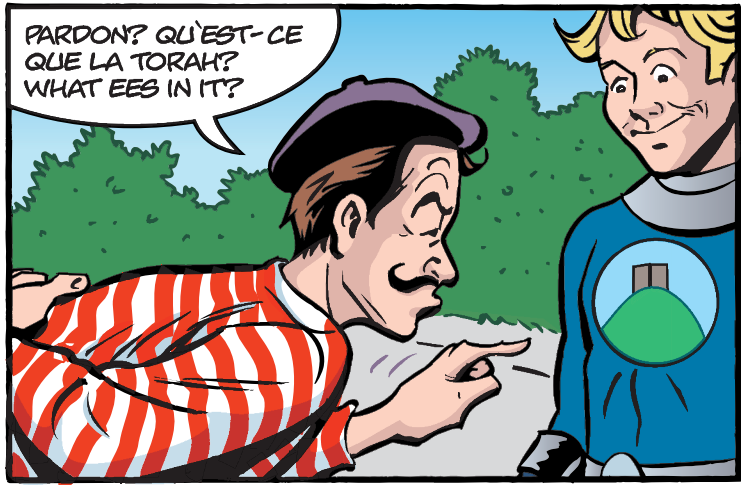


SO HOLD
ONTO YOUR
YARMIKAS --
WE'RE OFF
TO FRANCE!

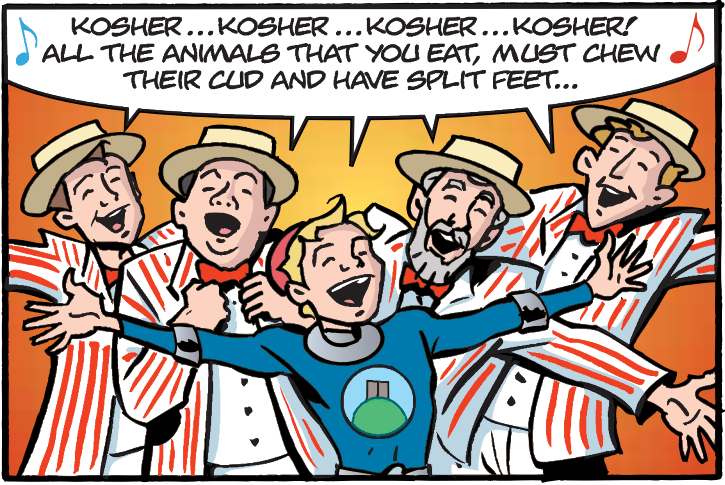


HI, I'M JOEY REPORTING FOR
MITZVAH STATION 613. WE'RE TRYING
TO FIND OUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO ACCEPT THE TORAH!

Joey in:
Good Choice!



PARDON? QU'EST-CE
QUE LA TORAH?
WHAT EES IN IT?



♪ KOSHER... KOSHER... KOSHER... KOSHER!
ALL THE ANIMALS THAT YOU EAT, MUST CHEW
THEIR CUD AND HAVE SPLIT FEET... ♪

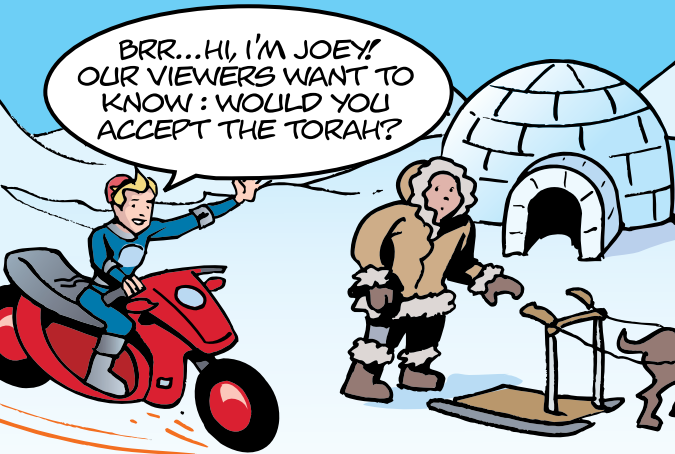


♪ KOSHER FOOD JUST CAN'T BE BEAT,
DON'T YOU MIX THAT MILK AND MEAT! ♪

ALORS! I CANNOT KEEP TO ZEEES!
ZEE SNAILS ET FROG'S LEGS ARE MY
FAVOURITE FOODS! EXCUSE MOI,
ZEEES TORAH IS NOT FOR ME.



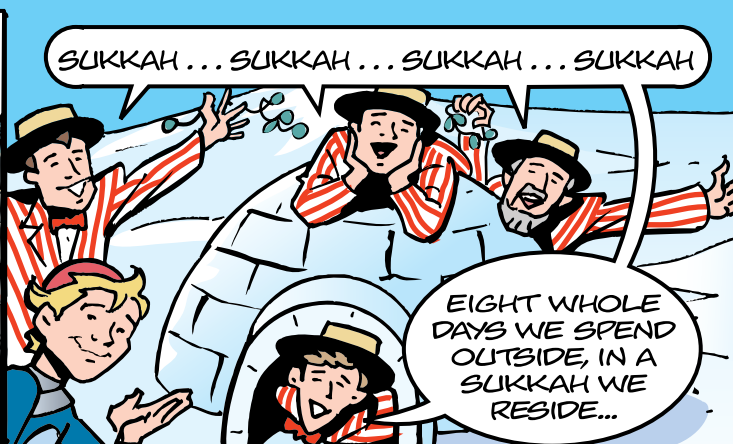
GOTCHA.
NEXT STOP...
ALASKA!



BRR...HI, I'M JOEY!
OUR VIEWERS WANT TO
KNOW: WOULD YOU
ACCEPT THE TORAH?



TORAH?
WHAT
IS-EE
TORAH?



SUKKAH... SUKKAH... SUKKAH... SUKKAH

EIGHT WHOLE
DAYS WE SPEND
OUTSIDE, IN A
SUKKAH WE
RESIDE...



WITH ROOF OF LEAVES BOTH
FRESH AND DRIED G-D IS OUR
SAVIOR AND OUR GUIDE!



ZIP

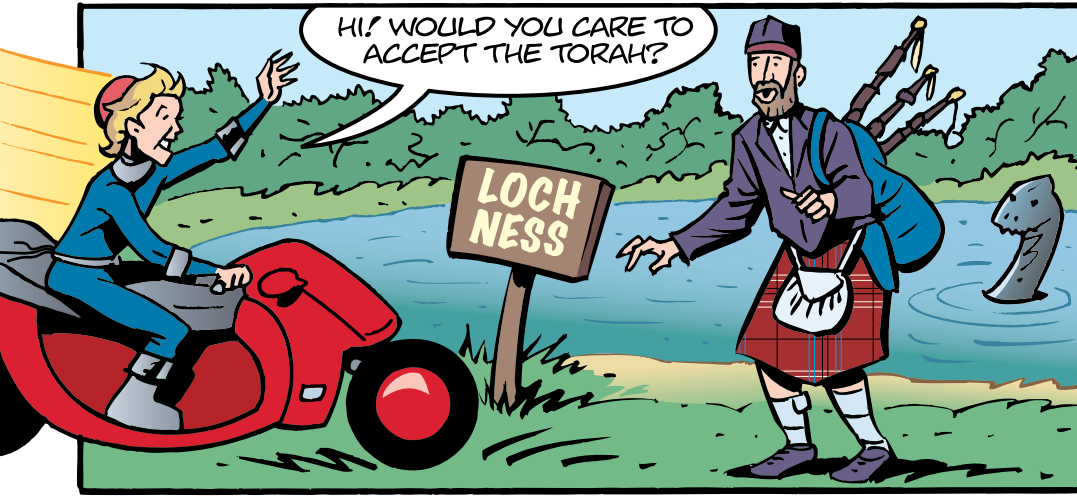
ZUP!

ZOOP!



SORRY, NO CAN
DO-EE! EES TOO
COLD TO EAT IN
SUKKAH-HUT!

WELL,
FOLKS, I
GUESS WE'VE
GOT TO KEEP
ON TRYING.
NEXT STOP...
SCOTLAND!

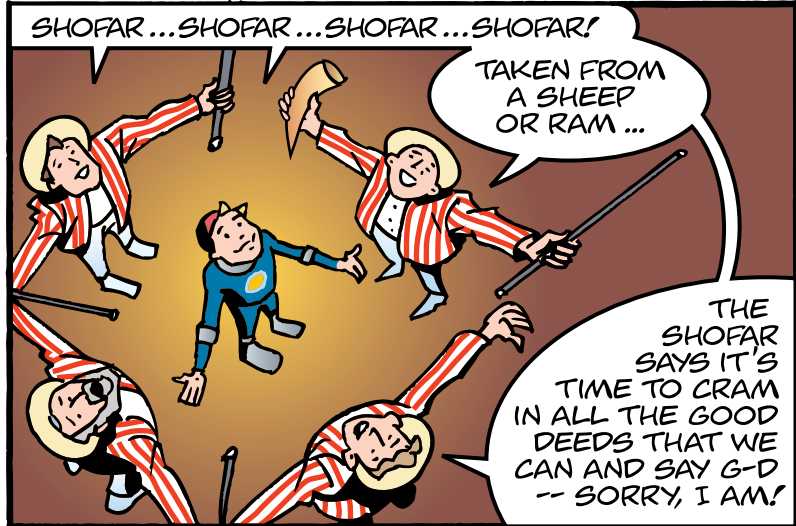


HI! WOULD YOU CARE TO
ACCEPT THE TORAH?

LOCH
NESS



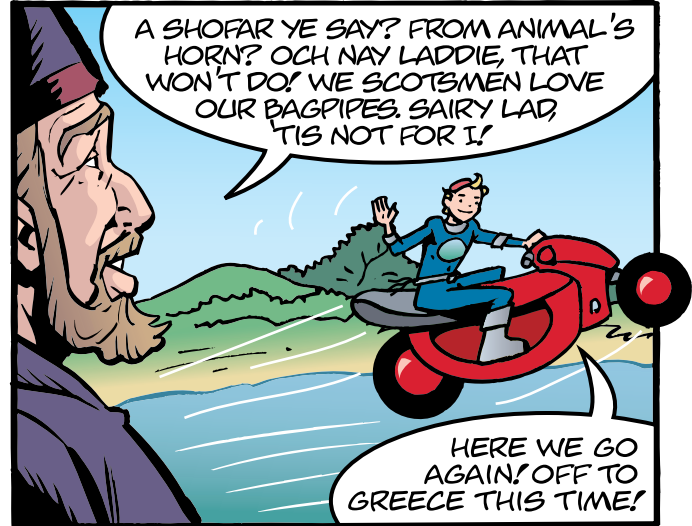
OCH AYE LADDIE!
WHAT'S IN THIS 'ERE
TORAH OF YERS?



SHOFAR... SHOFAR... SHOFAR... SHOFAR!

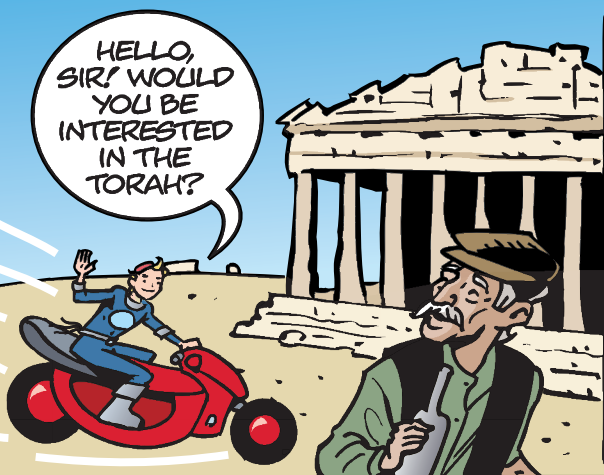
TAKEN FROM
A SHEEP
OR RAM...

THE
SHOFAR
SAYS IT'S
TIME TO CRAM
IN ALL THE GOOD
DEEDS THAT WE
CAN AND SAY G-D
-- SORRY, I AM!



A SHOFAR YE SAY? FROM ANIMAL'S
HORN? OCH NAY LADDIE, THAT
WON'T DO! WE SCOTSMEN LOVE
OUR BAGPIPES. SAIRY LAD,
TIS NOT FOR I!

HERE WE GO
AGAIN! OFF TO
GREECE THIS TIME!

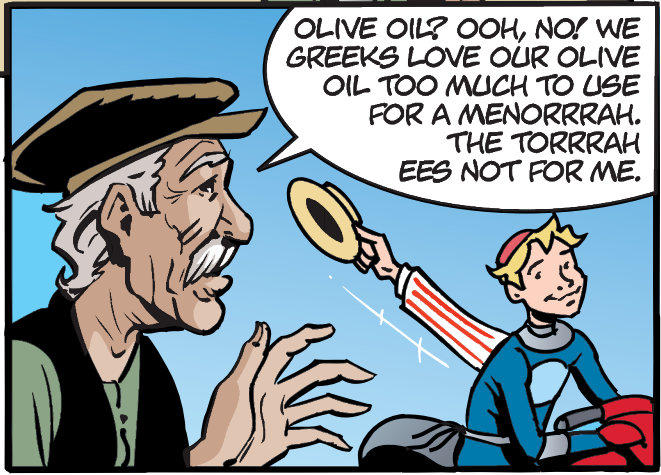


HELLO, SIR! WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN THE TORAH?

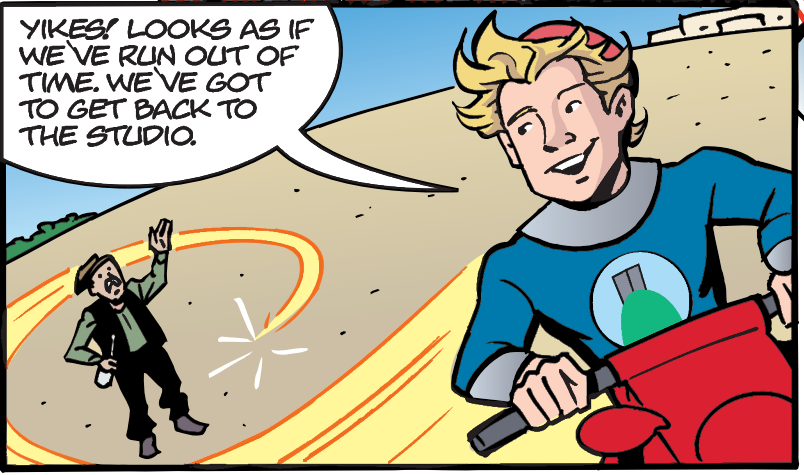


EH? TORRRRAH? WHAT EES DIS TORRRRAH?

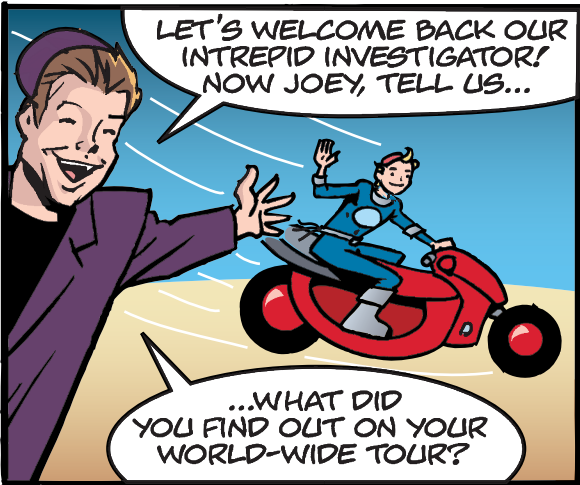
MENORAH...MENORAH... MENORAH...MENORAH! ON CHANUKAH WE SET ALIGHT SOME OLIVE OIL ON ALL EIGHT NIGHTS TO REMIND US OF A GREAT BIG FIGHT AND HOW THINGS TURNED OUT QUITE ALRIGHT



OLIVE OIL? OOH, NO! WE GREEKS LOVE OUR OLIVE OIL TOO MUCH TO USE FOR A MENORRRRAH. THE TORRRRAH EES NOT FOR ME.



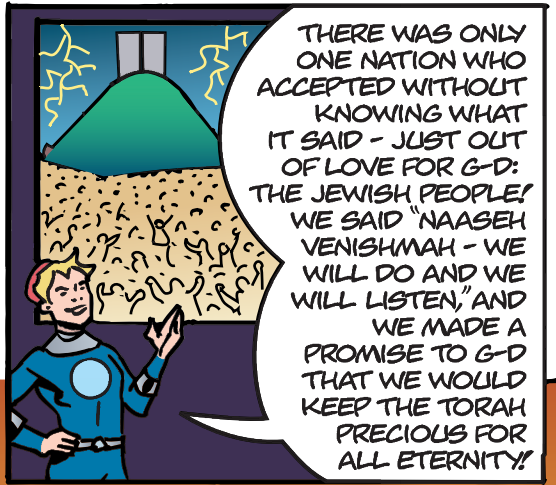
YIKES! LOOKS AS IF WE'VE RUN OUT OF TIME. WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE STUDIO.



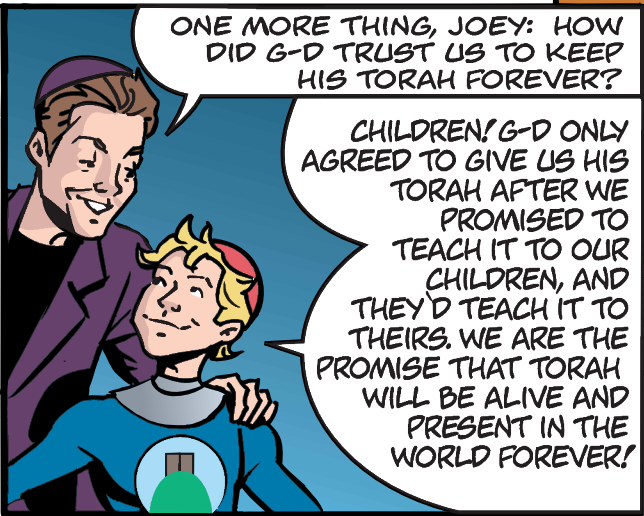
LET'S WELCOME BACK OUR INTREPID INVESTIGATOR! NOW JOEY, TELL US...

...WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT ON YOUR WORLD-WIDE TOUR?

I FOUND OUT KINDA THE SAME THING G-D FOUND WHEN HE ASKED EACH NATION IF THEY WOULD ACCEPT THE TORAH. EACH NATION FIRST ASKED WHAT IT WAS ABOUT, AND IF IT WOULD FIT INTO THEIR LIFESTYLE. WHEN THEY FOUND OUT, THEY DECIDED IT WASN'T FOR THEM.



THERE WAS ONLY ONE NATION WHO ACCEPTED WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IT SAID - JUST OUT OF LOVE FOR G-D: THE JEWISH PEOPLE! WE SAID 'NAASEH VENISHMAH - WE WILL DO AND WE WILL LISTEN,' AND WE MADE A PROMISE TO G-D THAT WE WOULD KEEP THE TORAH PRECIOUS FOR ALL ETERNITY!



ONE MORE THING, JOEY: HOW DID G-D TRUST US TO KEEP HIS TORAH FOREVER?

CHILDREN! G-D ONLY AGREED TO GIVE US HIS TORAH AFTER WE PROMISED TO TEACH IT TO OUR CHILDREN, AND THEY'D TEACH IT TO THEIRS. WE ARE THE PROMISE THAT TORAH WILL BE ALIVE AND PRESENT IN THE WORLD FOREVER!



SO THERE YOU HAVE IT KIDS! IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!

HAPPY SHAVUOT, EVERYONE!

ON SHAVUOT, MANY COMMUNITIES READ THE STORY OF RUTH, THE FOREIGN PRINCESS WHO LEFT HOME AND JOINED A JEWISH FAMILY. HER STORY RECORDS THE GENEALOGY OF KING DAVID WHO WAS BORN AND DIED ON SHAVUOT. RUTH'S LEGENDARY KINDNESS AND MODESTY, AND HER TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE TORAH BECAME EXAMPLES FOR ALL JEWISH PEOPLE TO FOLLOW.

The Story of Ruth

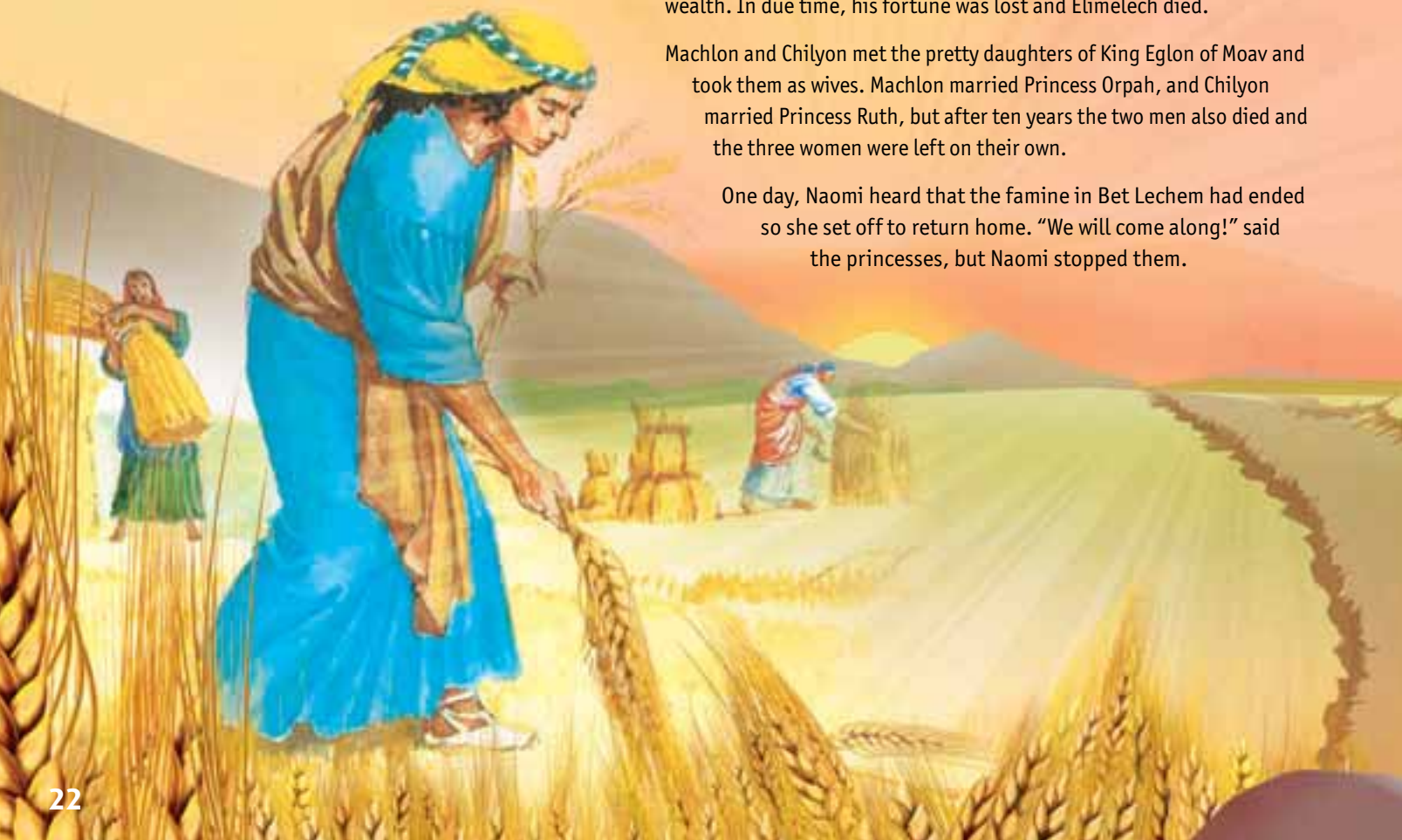
FROM PRINCESS TO PAUPER
TO PRINCESS AGAIN

Long ago in the Judean city of Bet Lechem there lived a wealthy landowner named Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their sons Machlon and Chilyon.

Elimelech was terribly stingy. When a famine came, he told himself: "The whole town will come knocking on my door for food!" So he gathered his family and fled to the land of Moab to enjoy his wealth. In due time, his fortune was lost and Elimelech died.

Machlon and Chilyon met the pretty daughters of King Eglon of Moav and took them as wives. Machlon married Princess Orpah, and Chilyon married Princess Ruth, but after ten years the two men also died and the three women were left on their own.

One day, Naomi heard that the famine in Bet Lechem had ended so she set off to return home. "We will come along!" said the princesses, but Naomi stopped them.



"You have been very kind to me," she said. "But now you should return to your mother's house."

Princess Orpah listened, but Ruth was not impressed: "I will follow you," she said. "Where you go, I will go. Your people shall be my people, and your G-d, my G-d!" The princess convinced her poor mother-in-law, and together they set off.

Naomi rode into town not as the rich lady she once was but as a pauper. She was so ashamed. Her wealthy cousin Boaz lived nearby, but she wouldn't ask for his money—after all, Naomi had left her people in their time of need while Boaz had stayed on to support them! So Princess Ruth wandered out to the fields to scavenge some food for the two of them. In one field, she met servants picking stalks of grain. "Can I gather the fallen pieces?" she asked. Little did she know that she was in a field owned by Boaz!

When he came to his field, Boaz was very attracted to the quiet maiden collecting barley stalks. She was being careful to take only those that had fallen and she was very graceful when she bent to collect them. And even though she was poor, Ruth made sure to leave behind some sheaves for those even less fortunate than she! "Who is she?" Boaz asked his helper. "That is Naomi's daughter-in-law who came with her from Moav," he was told.

Boaz decided he was going to help the once-princess. "I've heard about your kindness!" he told her. "Stay in my fields so you can pick the best stalks and eat my food."

Ruth thanked the nobleman. When she had finished collecting for the day, she carried her bundle of stalks to the city to share with her mother-in-law. Ruth told Naomi all the fortunate events of her day. "Boaz?" Naomi excitedly asked. "That is my cousin!" and Ruth began to visit his fields each day.

But Naomi was worried: Who would carry on the family name? So she devised a plan: "Convince Boaz to marry you," she told Ruth, "so our family can continue through your children." Ruth agreed to follow Naomi's plan.

That night, Ruth dressed in her finest clothes and off she went to ask the wealthy man to marry her. Boaz knew there were others who could marry Ruth but they wouldn't give it a thought. "She is a Moabite princess!" said one man. "That's why her first husband died. Should I make the same mistake?" But Boaz knew that Ruth had sincerely joined the Jewish people when she followed Naomi to Bet Lechem and he gladly married her. The townsfolk were very happy. They gathered and blessed the new couple to be rich and famous across the land.

Ruth soon gave birth to a son named Oved. Naomi was delighted: The new baby boy would carry on the family name! And he did. Oved had a child called Yishai. Yishai had a son called David—King David. And because of her kindness, our final King Moshiah will be a descendant of Ruth and King David... and he will redeem us soon so we can all live happily forever!

The End

To read the complete story of Ruth go to: www.THKids.org/Ruth



NO DOZE!

The night before the Jewish people received the Torah, they went to bed early in order to wake up refreshed the next day. But oh, no! They slept in! To make up for this, on Shavuot night we try to stay up as late as we can...studying Torah!

What's she thinking?

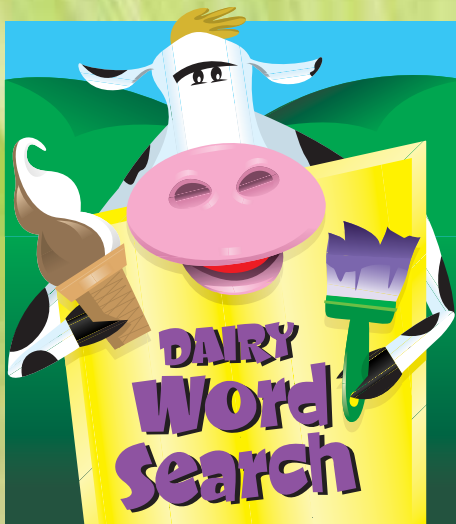


Go online after the holiday to fill in the caption!
 PLUS: Show us what you learned this Shavuot and you could win the all-new Xbox 360 Arcade!

Log onto our website for more details.



Shavuot Fun Page



INSTRUCTIONS: As you look for the hidden words, remember that they can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal—frontward or backward!

M	W	F	A	N	K	L	I	M	R
E	B	H	R	A	D	D	E	H	C
T	T	F	E	T	A	V	O	X	O
R	T	A	Q	S	Y	N	R	V	C
I	I	P	L	O	E	E	K	E	R
U	O	C	G	O	T	E	I	E	E
T	J	U	O	T	C	R	H	L	A
F	R	C	U	T	B	O	R	C	M
T	U	B	H	W	T	Q	H	P	S
Z	X	A	K	Q	K	A	Q	C	C

- Feta
- Milk
- Cheese
- Cream
- Yogurt
- Chocolate
- Ricotta
- Butter
- Cheddar
- Brie

ANSWERS: Back cover Zoom-Out; 1. Pomegranates; 2. Dates; 3. Barley; 4. Grapes; 5. Figs; 6. Wheat; 7. Olives



Where in the world are these synagogues?



- Jerusalem, Israel
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Astana, Kazakhstan
- Florence, Italy
- Brooklyn, NY USA
- S. Petersburg, Russia
- Sydney, Australia
- Newport, RI USA

ANSWERS: 1. Astana, Kazakhstan; 2. Jerusalem, Israel; 3. Prague, Czech Republic; 4. Newport, RI USA; 5. Florence, Italy; 6. Brooklyn, NY USA; 7. S. Petersburg, Russia; 8. Sydney, Australia.

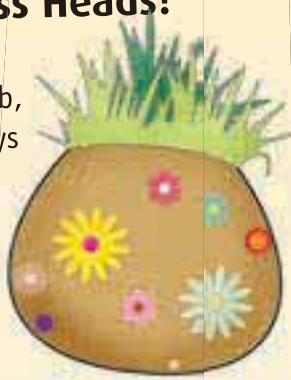


Can you spot **10** differences?











Decorate **YOUR HOME** with spectacular Grass Heads!

Like Mount Sinai, they start out dusty and drab, but give them a few days and they will become beautiful enough to decorate your home in honor of the Torah!



HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

-  Old nylons or colored pantyhose.
-  Rubber bands.
-  Saw dust or soil.
-  Colorful felt.
-  Grass seeds. (If you want to be adventurous, try herb seeds.)
-  Glue.
-  Optional: Brightly-colored nail polish to use as paint.
-  A bowl or flower pot.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pour some grass or herb seeds into the nylon.
2. Add the soil or sawdust. Put a lot in for a big grass head, and only a little if you want to make a small grass head. (Helpful hint: Pour in 1 cup of soil for every tablespoon of seeds.)
3. Use one or two rubber bands to close the stocking securely.
4. Cut some colorful flowers out of the felt and use glue to paste them onto the filled stocking.
5. Optional: Use brightly-colored nail polish to further decorate your grass head.
6. Place the grass head, tied-bottom down, into the bowl or flowerpot.
7. Water it carefully once a day, and watch the grass grow!

go for green

When you hear the word "desert" what comes to mind?

Sand... dust... sun... cacti...

A desert is normally a dry, dusty place. But when G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people, a miracle happened! Mount Sinai and the ground around it started sprouting greenery!

No longer was Mount Sinai drab and plain. It was now a magnificent mountain, decorated from top to bottom with lush, green grass, and of course – flowers. Hundreds of flowers of all colors and sizes! All in honor of the Torah!

Each year on Shavuot we show honor and respect for the Torah by decorating our homes and synagogues with colorful flowers and beautiful greenery.



Enter online after the holiday to WIN a sterling silver candlestick!

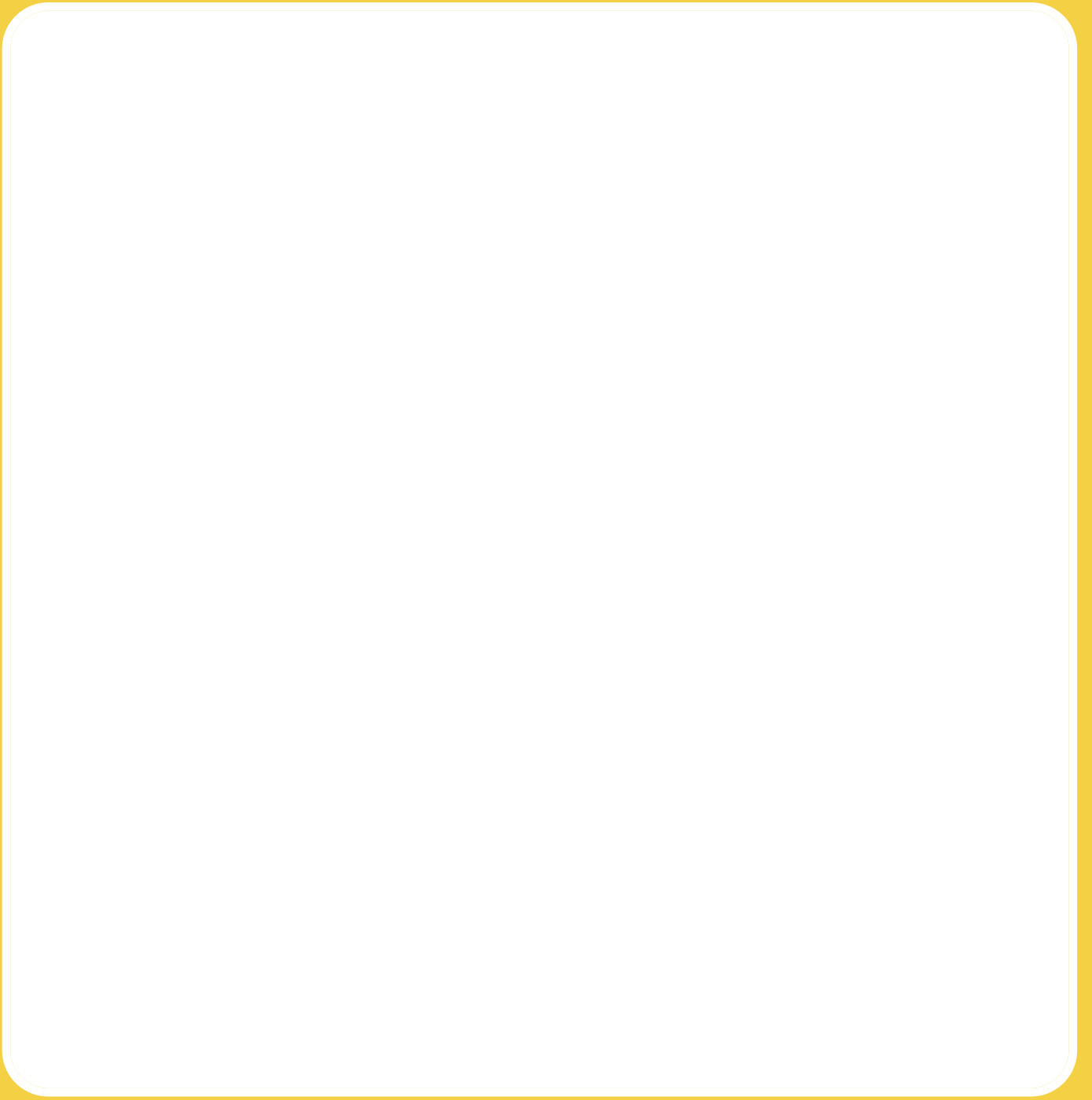
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Friday Night SHARE THE LIGHT

GIRLS: Do your bit to spread the light of Shavuot by lighting candles and reciting these special blessings to welcome the holiday!

- 1 Baruch Atah A-do-noi E-lo-hai-nu Melech Ha-olam Asher Kid'sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav Ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Tov.
- 2 Baruch Atah A-do-noi E-lo-hai-nu Melech Ha-olam She-heh-che-yah-nu Ve-kiye-ma-nu Ve-hi-gi-ah-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.



ZOOM Out!

Can you find the Seven Species?



ביכורים * BIKKURIM

The 7 Fruits of Israel are surely blessed,
The first ones to ripen no doubt are the best,
They're called "Bikkurim" and I kid you not,
They're a present to G-d – brought on Shavuot!

Can't figure it out?
Turn to page 24 for the answers.

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