

דבר תורה

Moshe sends twelve spies (one from each tribe) to the Land of Canaan (the former name of the Land of Israel) to see what the land and its people are like. The spies tour the whole land and when they come back after forty days they tell the people that it is indeed a land "flowing with milk and honey." But, they add, the people in it are very strong and the cities have huge walls like fortresses, and "we even saw giants." And they tell the Jews that the land would be much too difficult to conquer. Even though two of the spies, yehoshua and Calev, disagree with the rest, saying that the land is very good and they can surely conquer it, the Jews believe those with the bad report, and they cry out to Moshe that they don't want to go.

hashem is furiously angry and wants to kill all the Jews, but Moshe begs him not to, reminding Him that He is a hashem of mercy. So hashem agrees to spare the Jews but says that, because they complained, except for yehoshua and Calev, none of these people will go into the land; they will all die in the desert. Then he tells Moshe to turn around from the direction they were going, and head towards the desert.

When Moshe tells the people that they would have to stay in the desert for forty years instead of going into the Land of Israel, they realize what a horrible mistake they had made and are very sad. Some of the people say, "Okay, we realize that we sinned, and we are ready to go into the land!" and they go up the mountain, getting ready to enter the land. But Moshe tells them that it is too late and that they should not go, because hashem is not with them and they will not succeed. They go anyway, and suffer a terrible defeat by the Canaanites and the Amalekites.

We learn about the mitzvah of Challah—when we bake bread, a portion of it must go to hashem. Today, when we don't have a mishkan/beis hamikdash, we make sure to burn a piece of the dough before baking the bread.

A man gathers wood on the Shabbos, desecrating it, and he is put to death.

We learn about the mitzvah of tiztis, strings worn on the corners of a four-cornered garment. When we see these strings, we remember who we are and the the mitzvos that hashem has commanded us.

JOKES and RIDDLES



Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two tired.

I'm reading a book on the history of glue. I just can't seem to put it down.

A cheeseburger walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

Want to hear a construction joke? Oh, never mind, I'm still working on that one.

I'm on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.

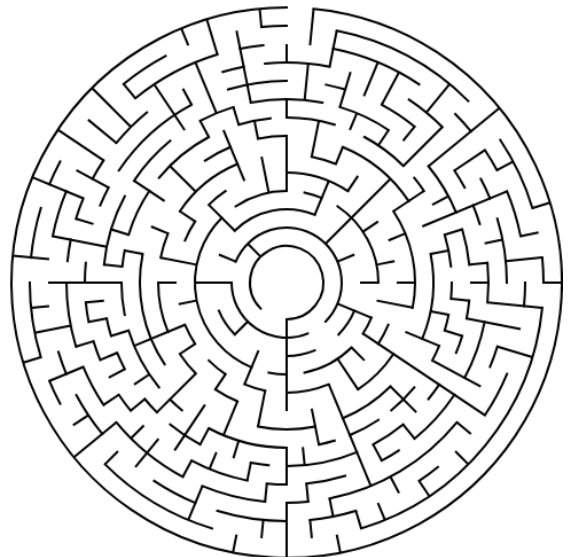
How does a penguin make pancakes? With its flippers!

FUN FACT

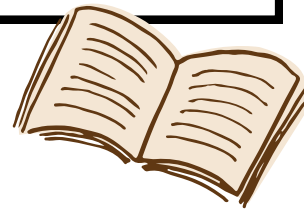


The total weight of all the ants on Earth is about the same as the total weight of all the humans on Earth. Ants are incredibly numerous, with estimates of their population ranging from 10 to 100 trillion individual ants on the planet at any given time.

GAME ZONE



story



During a gathering at a Farbrengen, a man approached the Lubavitcher Rebbe with a heavy heart. He explained to the Rebbe that he was going through a challenging time in his life and felt overwhelmed by the obstacles he was facing. The man was seeking guidance and reassurance from the Rebbe.

The Rebbe listened attentively to the man's concerns and then asked him, "Do you remember the story of Nachum Ish Gamzu?" Nachum Ish Gamzu was a righteous figure from the Talmud known for his unwavering faith and positive outlook, always exclaiming, "Gam zu l'tova" - "This too is for the good."

The Rebbe continued, "Just as Nachum Ish Gamzu found strength and comfort in trusting in the goodness of the Divine plan, so too must we have faith that challenges are ultimately for a greater purpose. Embrace each obstacle as an opportunity for growth and an invitation to deepen your connection to God."

The man took the Rebbe's words to heart and left the Farbrengen with a newfound sense of hope and resilience. He faced his challenges with a renewed perspective, reframing them as opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. Through his unwavering faith and trust in the Divine plan, he was able to navigate through his difficulties with grace and fortitude.

This story illustrates the Lubavitcher Rebbe's profound wisdom and ability to instill faith, strength, and resilience in those who seek his guidance. His teachings and insights continue to inspire countless individuals to face adversity with courage and trust in the ultimate goodness of the Divine.

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