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# Fan Letters

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## I LOVVVVEEE YOUR NEWSLETTER.

I'll be honest I get a bunch of newsletters but yours is the best. And A Babies Diary is so cute. I just have a few questions. Can you make the serials reeaalllllyyy long because they're soooo good. Also can you do a book review page. Even if you don't your newsletter is still the beeeest (sorry for the long words).

**BRACHA NOTIK**

*Thank's for the fan letter, and the long words, they are both great. We try to make serials as long as possible, but everything takes time. We will try our best though! About the book review, keep your eyes peeled because we will take this idea into serious consideration! And I hope you enjoy As A Family as much as you did A Babies Diary!*

**KIT, GABI**

## YOUR MAGAZINE IS SOOO AMAZING,

I always enjoy everything in it. I always don't want to read it and save it until the end of the week. Keep it up!

**LEVI GANSBURG**

*Thanks for the fan letter! The beginning of the week, the middle of the week, the end of the week, their all great!*

**KIT, GABI**

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BY GABI SHAPIRO

# Fantastic Facts

True facts that will amaze you



## THAT'S BIG!

The **Whale Shark** is the **biggest shark** in the world, wighting **41,000 pounds** as an adult (over 20 tons!), and can measure **18 – 33 feet**.



## THAT'S INSANE!

**Armadillo shells** are **bulletproof**.

## THAT'S WEIRD!

Scotland has **421 words** for **"snow"**.



## THAT'S EXPENSIVE!

Although it's unlikely to come on the market anytime soon, the palatial residence of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, the **Buckingham Palace**, is the **most expensive house** in the world, having a huge price tag of **\$1.55 Billion**.





# FUN ZONE

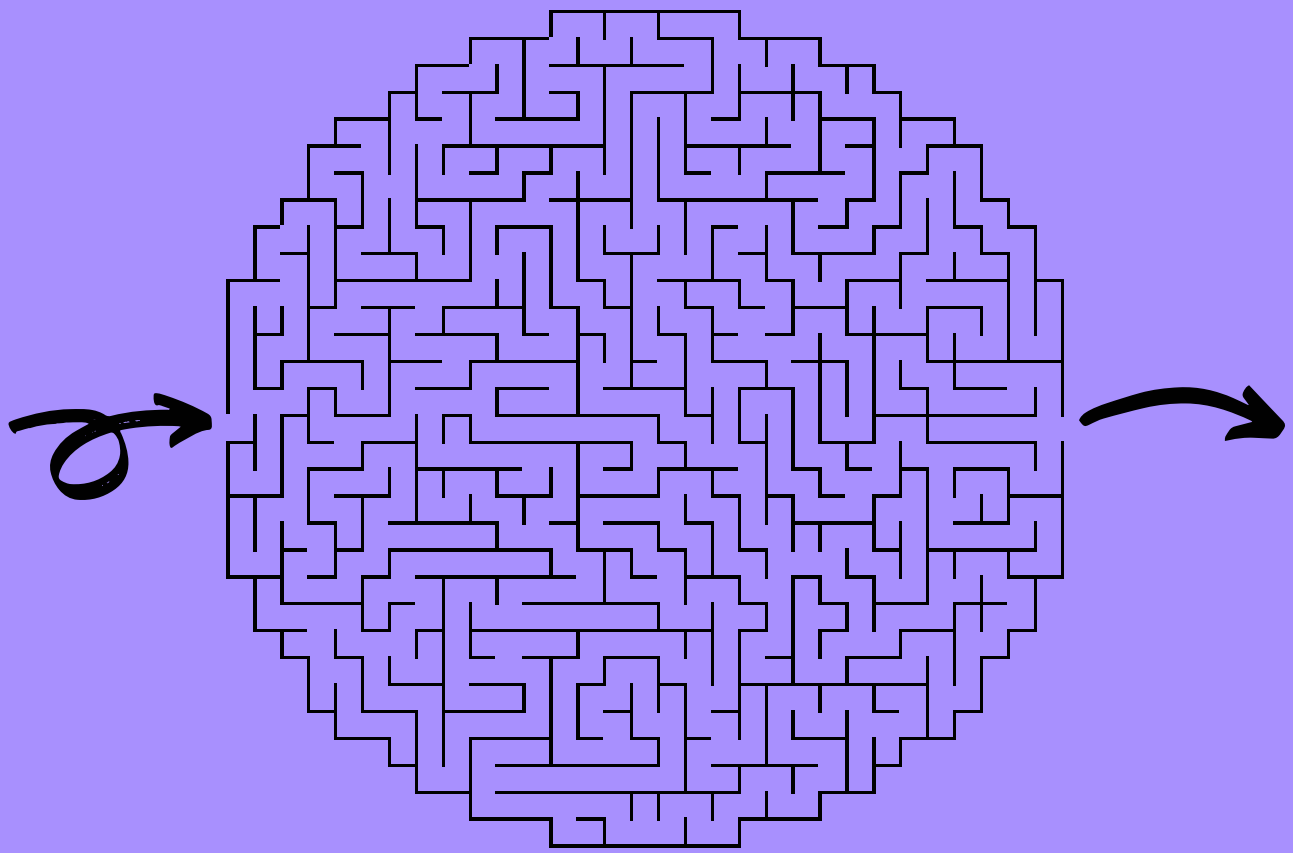
**What goes up but does not move? Stairs!**

**Find the Odd One Out:**

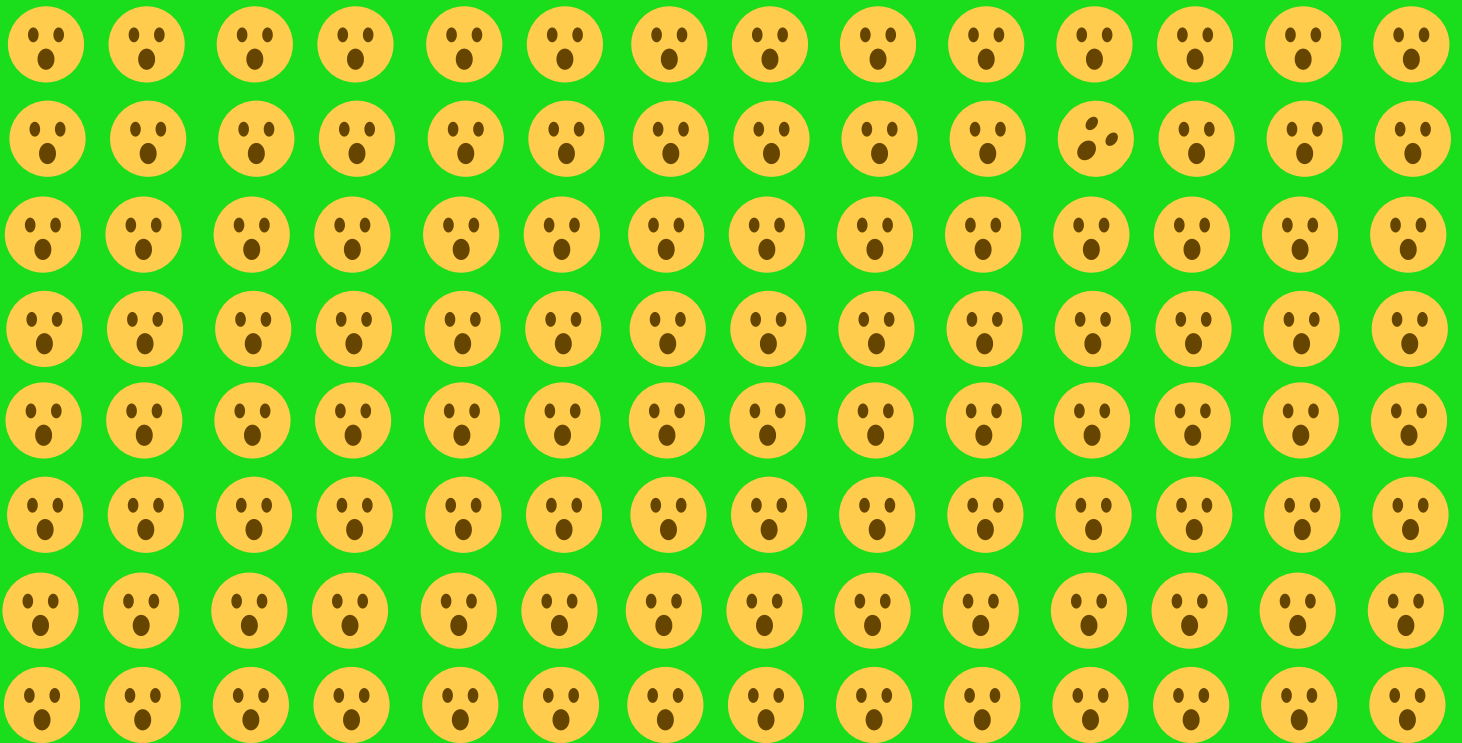
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Arm  
Nose  
Finger

**What part of the car is the laziest? The wheels because, they are always tired!**





**Find the emoji that's different.**



**Find the Odd One Out Answer:**

The arm, because all the other ones used for the five senses.  
(Seeing, Hearing, Touching, Smelling, and Tasting)





By Gash//Chapter 1

## Yitzchok:

A playdate. Sounds fun, right? We're changing things up here, before now, everyone who wanted to see me came to me (probably just because I'm the best), but now I go to them. Now, this is endless possibilities. I always tried to escape my house, to get out in the real world, and see what other places are like. I like new places. Except for the doctor, that was a new place and still is one for the most part, and that place just wasn't fun. But like the shul was really cool the first time. Oh, wait, did I mention yet that I'm a baby? Yeah, that's me. And while yes, I can't really maneuver all too well yet, being I can't crawl or walk. But I can roll pretty well, with a lot of energy of course. But the real reason is that I am still new to this world, the world around me is still fresh and unexplored. I can look around and that entertains me. I am bored of looking up at the same ceiling all-day, I want to look up at a new ceiling. Maybe it has a slight slant or something. My favorites are the ones are the ones with windows in them, those are just insane. So, back to the point, I'm going on a playdate. Yay. You might wonder how I know about this playdate, but when people think you can't understand anything, you soak up quite a bit of juicy information.



## Yitzchok:

Ok, we finally arrived. Yay. Now, what do we do?

Oh, and also I am visiting this baby who is born one week apart from me, his name is Yitzchok but for some reason, everyone calls him Kov Kov. So parents think babies shouldn't have playdates, which doesn't make sense. Or at least they think they're unnecessary.

They are very necessary. I think they just don't know us babies can communicate, and honestly, if we couldn't then playdates would probably be pretty boring. But it still is a new place, so not that boring. So if parents think babies don't have playdates why am I here? Because my mother is having a playdate, or rather, a meeting with Mrs. Kov Kov, or whatever their last name is. I think Goldbean or Goldberg. I think they stole my last name idea, which is Leinburg.

## Kov Kov:

Hey, it's Yitzchok! I didn't know he was coming. His mother puts him down on the floor.

"Hey, Yitz," I say.

"Hey Kov."

"That's not my name."

"Hey Kov Kov."

"That's better," I say. This conversation is getting off to an amazing start. "You wanna go somewhere?" I continue.

"Where?" He says. I never thought of that.

"We can go to the bathroom. I like playing with the water in the toilet. It's fun." And so, that's what we do. Slowly but surely, very Slowly but surely, we make it to the bathroom after quite a bit of rolling. The



bathroom door is closed. "Dang it," I say "We can go to the laundry room."

"What do we do there?" He asks. So many questions this guy asks.

## **Yitzchok:**

"I don't know, but its a warm room and if the washing machine or drier is on we can watch it a spin. That's always fun." He answers.

"Whats a washing machine?" I say, followed by him sighing. That was rude. He didn't even answer my question.

So after some more long and hard rolling, we make it to the laundry room. The "Washing Machine" is on. We watch it go around and around and around and then...BLACK.

## **Kov Kov:**

What happened to the lights? Or are my eyes closed? That's a possibility.

"Are my eyes closed or is it also black for you," I ask.

"Your eyes are not closed, it's also black for me. But then again my eyes may also be closed. You just never know." He says. "But I think someone just closed the door. Do you have siblings?"

"Yeah, a sister who's 5 and her name is Chay Chay. Or Chaya." I answer. "Why do you ask?"

"Because maybe she closed the door, thinking no one was in here. Or maybe realizing we were in here and she's just evil. Probably the second one." He answers.

"Now we wait." I stay. And say again 2 minutes later. And again 2 minutes later. And 2 minutes later again.

"Could you stop!!" He screams. Or rather screams "Googi Boogi



Blurp!!" which means "Could you stop". So we wait. And wait. And keep doing some more of that waiting. This is getting scary.

## **Mommy:**

Finally, everything is organized and the meeting is over. I come downstairs to find...well they're not in the living room like I put them. They could have rolled, they do that. We search for 5 minutes. This is getting crazy. Where are they? Finally, after 5 minutes and 3.45 seconds, I find them in the laundry room.

"How did you manage to get in here, and even close the door?" I ask, perplexed, with Esty Golburg at my side. Babies just don't make sense these days. Next, they're going to be talking to each other and having playdates. **S**



# The Game of Fraud

## AVREMY SHAPIRO | CHAPTER 13

From all the clues, the biggest one by far was a drop of blood. They immediately bottled it up and sent it to a lab to be tested. It would take days, maybe weeks for the results, and in the meantime, they had to look for more leads.

Eventually, most of the police left, aside for a police car, disguised as a Toyota Camry, there to protect Sholom from the kidnappers. The leads were big, but until the blood test came back, they couldn't really get much done. Sholom immediately became paranoid after this whole ordeal. He kept peeking outside, checking for suspicious cars, and making sure that the officer was still there. He was so paranoid, he even took out the gun he had kept away in his closet. It was slightly dusty and hadn't been touched for months. The Beretta 92 was strong and expensive. He gazed at it proudly, as if it were one of his children. If he had to use it, there wasn't going to be a second of hesitation.

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Sholom flew out of bed, holding the gun tightly, turning his knuckles white. Some sounds were coming from outside. He looked out the window. Standing there, just one-floor bellow, was Chaninah, crying silently. Sholom had never been more confus-



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holding the gun tightly,  
turning his knuckles white.**

ed in his life. He ran down the steps and unlocked the door.

"I was just playing outside and then the doow was locked!" Chaninah whimpered.

Sholom smiled and picked him up. Chaninah was probably very confused since there was no one else in the house, Sholom thought. In fact, Chaninah did look confused and looked around, as if trying to find his siblings and mother.

An hour later, Sholom had told Chaninah the entire story, but in a way that it wouldn't scare him. Chaninah himself told Sholom what happened to him. He was playing outside for almost an hour when he suddenly felt scared. No sounds were coming from his house. He tried the door, but it was locked. Chananinah had been trapped outside for almost two hours! And for a three-year-old, that's not a very good experience.

***To be Continued...***



By Gash

# Completely Corona

## A Deeper Look at the Virus

### "It all Started When

a... how did it start?" There are many opinions, many from people who make it up on the spot when they are asked, and many from experts too. Experts at what? I don't know. The most popular answer to this popular question is it started from bats. It is said to have started from one of Wuhan's open-air "wet markets." They're where customers buy fresh meat and fish, including animals that are killed on the spot. Some wet markets sell wild or banned species like cobras, wild boars, and raccoon dogs. Yum...right? Well, at first people thought it originated here, but later it was publicly said this was wrong, and it probably originated elsewhere. But again, the virus is mainly said to have sprouted from horseshoe bats that had a label on them that said "Made in China", so that's how we know corona is from china [for legal purposes that was a joke]. These bats had a bad history of holding coronaviruses. (Yes, there are more than one type of corona.)

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# If someone gets the virus once

they will be able to kiss it goodbye for quite awhile after recovering. Because if you get it once, chances are you probably won't get it again for quite sometime. Exactly how much time is unknown, they don't have to worry about it for a while though, a long while. The immune system fights viruses, that's why younger people with stronger immune systems are more immune to the virus. Specialized immune cells, called B-lymphocytes or B-cells, identify proteins called antigens on the surface of invading cells. When a B cell detects a new antigen, it causes the production of proteins, called antibodies, that bind to antigens. Once an antibody locks onto an antigen, it attracts other cells that destroy the target. Sounds like a battlefield? It really is one! When B cells produce a new antibody, they can continue making the same antibody if the same antigen appears in the future. This is called adaptive immunity. So the next time the viruses come back, your body will be prepared for war! **S**

## When someone gets corona they, after up to 2 weeks will start having symptoms that include:

- Fever or Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



# Coronavirus Statistics

As of 7.8.20

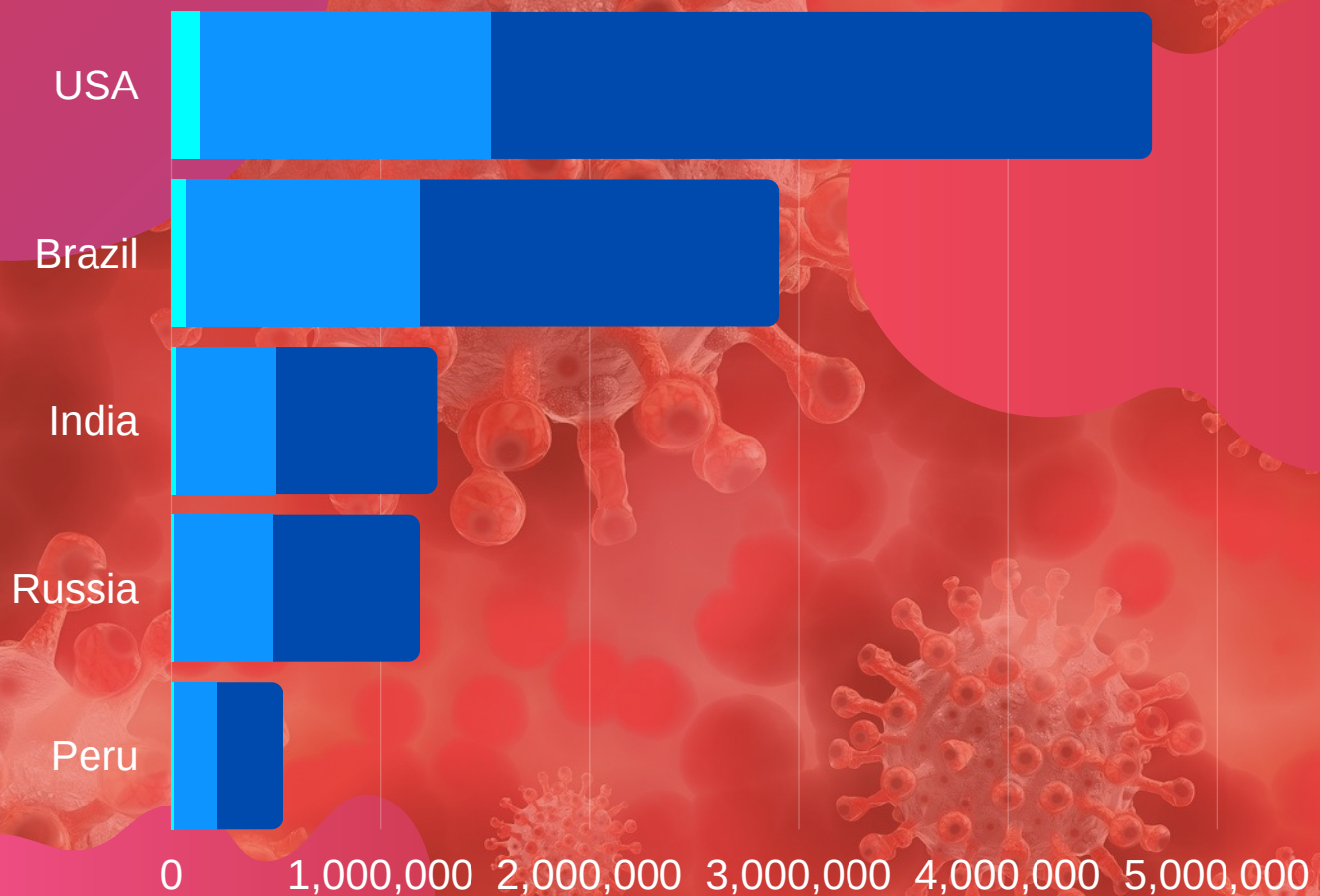
**Worldwide Cases-12,164,723**

**Worldwide Recovered-  
7,030,191**

**Worldwide Deaths-552,046**

**Color for Deaths/Recovered/Cases:**

**Deaths Recovered Total Cases**





# Top 5

## Biggest Houses

### Istana Nurul Iman Palace - Brunei

Square feet: 2.15 million

Rooms: 1,788 (plus 257 bathrooms and a garage that could fit 110 cars)

Price: \$1.4 billion

The palace was designed in 1984 by Leandro V. Locsin.



## 2

### Antilia - Mumbai, India

Square feet: 400,000

Floors: 27

Price: \$1 billion+

This house is more like a hotel. the owner is India's richest man with a net worth exceeding \$30 billion. The building boasts a unique architecture, with each floor designed differently and using different materials.



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## **Biltmore Estate – Asheville, North Carolina**

**Square feet: 178,926**

**Rooms: 250**

**Price: \$101 million  
(including land)**

The estate was opened to the public and includes a bowling alley, a huge indoor swimming pool and a 23,000 book library.



## **Safrá Mansion – Sao Paulo, Brazil**

**Square feet: 117,000**

**Rooms: 130**

**Price: Unknown**

The mansion includes indoor and outdoor pools and it's surrounded by a high wall. What's inside is not known to many, because the Safrá family members like to keep it to themselves.



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## **Witanhurst – London, England**

**Square feet: 90,000**

**Rooms: 65+**

**Price: Nearly \$64 million**

The estate was designed by architect George Hubbard and built between 1913 and 1920. The owner of this massive house is Russian billionaire Andrey Guryev.



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# Subscriber Spotlight

Rewritten by Gabi Shapiro



This week we visit **Aryeh Leib Laufer** from **Warwick RI**



How old are you?

11

How many siblings do you have?

7, 3 Girls and 4 Boys.

What is your favorite serial in Shavua Newsletter?

Funnies and The Newspaper.

What is your favorite color?

Black and Blue.

What is your favorite food?

Sushi and Pizza.



Yum! What is something different about you than most other kids?

I love talking!

What are your hobbies?

Juggling and Art.

Nice! If you could establish one law, what would it be?

During corona you can't say the letter 'P' unless you have a mask because it causes you to spit.

I never thought of that! If you were told you could be the president of the US, would you take the job?

No, because it would cause Anti-Semitism.



What do you do  
on a Shabbos  
afternoon?

Playing, reading,  
and sometimes  
board game's.

What's your  
favorite Yom Tov  
and why?

Chanukah and Pesach  
because my birthday is  
a week after Chanukah.

If you can get a First  
Class ticket to  
anywhere in the world,  
where would you go?

To 770 Eastern  
Parkway!

If you could tell the  
world one message,  
what would it be?

BRING MOSHIACH! 



# Funnies





# THE NEWSPAPER

BY AVREMY SHAPIRO

## WATCH YOUR HEAD

So you're walking around town or riding your bike and then a hot air balloon lands on your head. Ok, just kidding. But it could've happened last week (July 10). Residents of Lake in the Hills, a suburb of Chicago, were shocked when one landed in the middle of a neighborhoods. "We looked out our window and here comes the hot air balloon, like right between the homes here. And then they were waving at us and we're waving, like, 'We don't know, this is awfully close,'" a homeowner whose security camera recorded the landing said.

This wasn't on accident. This landing was happened after a passenger, in her 80s, fainted during the flight. Firefighters said the woman regained consciousness before the emergency landing and was examined by paramedics once the balloon touched down.



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## ALLIGATORS ARE AT IT AGAIN

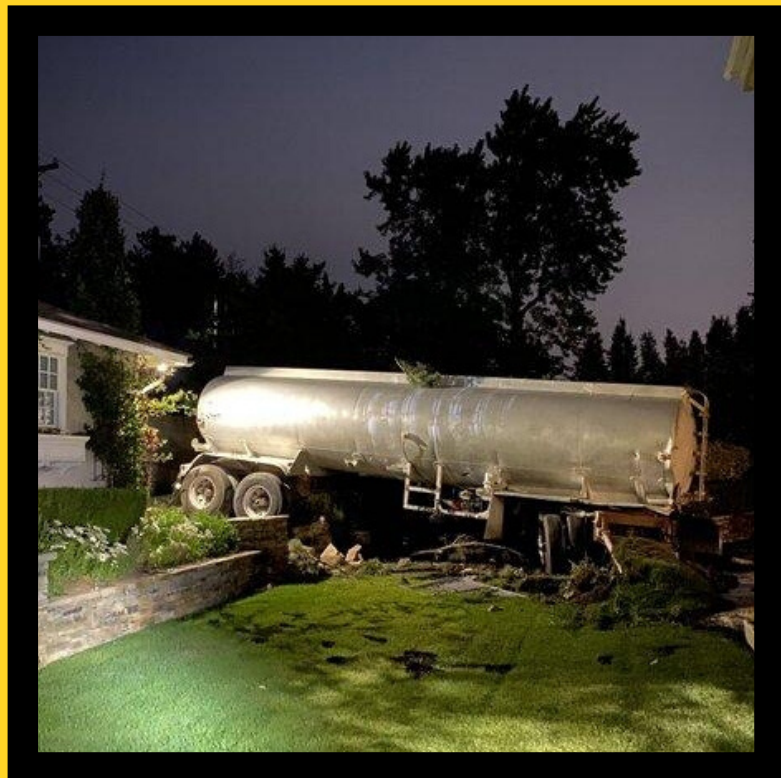
Anyone would be surprised if they found an alligator swimming around in their pool. A Westchase, Hillsborough County, family called for help Wednesday after finding a baby



alligator in their pool. "Every time they opened the filter lid the alligator would dart out and swim laps around the pool," The Croc Encounters reptile sanctuary said after responding to the families call. The Croc Encounters team responded to the call and removed the alligator, which was then released back into the wild.

## **RUNAWAY OIL TANKER**

Utah firefighters saw a runaway oil tanker, that wasn't attached to a truck, rolling down a street. The tanker ended up in someones backyard. The Salt Lake City Fire Department said the asphalt oil tanker trailer had been left in a parking lot early Wednesday when it started rolling away for unknown reasons in middle of the night. The department said the tanker rolled across the empty parking lot, crossed a road and ended up in a backyard. Officials said 911 callers initially thought the loud rumbling was from an earthquake. The department said no one was injured and the tanker stopped before striking the house. During the incident, the tanker leaked 500-1,500 gallons of oil. **S**





# NEWSBYTES



A brush fire burns 1,900 acres in Haliimaile, Hawaii.



Tornadoes hit western Minnesota.

Pinellas Park, FL police install license plate reader cameras in a neighborhood.







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# The Parsha Post



## VIGILANTE REWARDED



As reported in last week's Parsha Post, Pinchas ben Elazar took matters into his own hands when he killed the prince and princess of Moav.

"Pinchas is a vigilante... A private citizen who took matters into his own hands!" commented the highly opined Mrs. Kopdrayer Kritisizer. "He is an absolute disgrace to his family. Who ever heard of a fine Jewish man committing such a terrible act of violence?!"

Fellow citizen Mr. Anav Me'od had a different take on the matter: "In my humble opinion, Pinchas is a great hero, for he acted when everyone else froze with fear. Can't you see that thanks to his actions, the terrible plague suddenly ended?! It's a sign from Above that he has done the right thing!"

This week, the Heavenly announcement has been declared: Pinchas would be elevated into the priestly clan. What an honor!

## Historic Inheritance DECLARED



In an unlikely twist of events, a group of five determined sisters changed the laws of Jewish inheritance forever. Their late father, Tzafchad,

passed away before receiving a portion in the Land of Israel, and the land-loving daughters were fearful that they would end up without inheriting property in the Holy Land. The case made its way to the Heavenly Court, where the Chief Justice, a.k.a. HaShem, a.k.a. Supreme Owner of the World, ruled that they would indeed receive their father's inheritance.

"We all love Eretz Yisrael so much, and are extremely pleased by the decision," said Tirtzah, one of the five named plaintiffs in the case. "We are so grateful that HaShem ruled in our favor. Abba would have been so proud (sniff)."

## BLOOMED STUDENT CHOSEN TO LEAD

Yehoshua bin Nun, longtime student and assistant to Moshe, has been granted Semichah, rabbinic ordination. In a moving ceremony attended by Elazar the High Priest and other dignitaries, Moshe placed his hands upon the head of his student and expressed his confidence in Yehoshua's wisdom, leadership skills, and Torah scholarship.



"It was a very touching moment," reported TNS reporter, Shazak Shazakovitch. "Although Moshe wanted with all his heart to be the one to lead his flock into the Holy Land, he showed everyone that Yehoshua had his full support in leading Bnei Yisrael into the Promised Land."

According to witnesses, Rabbi Yehoshua's face glowed like the moon, reflecting the great glory of his teacher.

CIRCA 1538:

## TZFAT AND JERUSALEM RABBIS WRANGLE OVER RABBINICS

Esteemed scholar Rabbi Yaakov Beirav, a Spanish refugee living in the city of Tzfat, has led a daring new initiative to revive the age-old, authentic Semichah Rabbinical ordination, as handed down from Moshe Rabbeinu. At Rabbi Beirav's request, many learned rabbis from the Tsfat region, proclaimed him as their "Chief Rabbi". In return, he performed the ceremonial Semichah by laying his hands upon the heads of several noted scholars, thus granting them the official title, "Rebbi." This Semichah would allow them to once again set up a Sanhedrin, similar to the grand court of law which was in place during the times of the Beis HaMikdash.

TNS Jerusalem reporter Yerucham Yerushalmi reports: "This bold move was based on the ruling of the Rambam's opinion in his Mishneh Torah Book. However, the future of this Semichah is unknown, due to the vehement opposition of Rabbi Levi ibn Chaviv, Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, a.k.a. the Ralbach. He believes that this Tzfat-Semichah-Ceremony is disrespectful to Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Jewish world."



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# THE WINNING TICKET

## CHAPTER 12

BY GASH



Goerge and Simon paced moderately more and more into the dim alleyway. Soon they stumbled upon a man who was leaning on the graffiti stricken wall smoking a cigarette. Goerge and Simon didn't dare talk and preferred for the man to start the conversation, which he did with a resounding "What are your names?"

To which George said their names and continued with a "We come for a man from the Acker Mafia. That's you isn't it?" He dared to ask.

"Indeed. Come with me." He said starting to walk, before quickly turning around and adding, "And try to keep it down." Simon observed the man. He was a younger man, probably in the 25's, he had some stubble to get past as a beard, and not to mention the giant of a man he was, his muscles bulging on his sleeveless shirt. A pistol was barely visible sticking out of his left pocket. So if George and Simon were scared before, their terror was tripled on the sight of this man.

But come with him they did, and Simon dared to ask what the man's name was.

"Leland." The man said his eyes narrowing. They got to a tall Jeep and Leland pointed to the back for George and Simon to go in, which they did. Leland turned the key and the obviously old car started slightly, before turning off.

"Ugh, this old piece of junk," Leland recalled. He started the car again, this time the engine managed to rumble to a start.

"The base is not too far from here." He said in a low, almost whispering voice. Soon the trio arrived in about 7 minutes to a brick building, in an even more run-down neighborhood than before. Leland motioned to follow him, and the three made their way to the metal gate, which had some barbed wire on the top. The entrance of the gate was blocked by and expensive master six combination lock. Leland motioned the two to turn around and looked at them for a moment before quickly opening the lock and the gate and coming inside. The door to the building had another combination lock which Leland repeated the same process and unlocked. They walked down the hallway before turning right and arriving at another metal door. The door was locked from the inside, and Leland knocked lightly on the door.

"We will be going in shortly," Leland remarked. After a few short moments footsteps were heard and the door was unlocked and was creaked open slowly.

"Welcome," Snicked the man who opened the door. "Welcome to the Acker Mafia HQ."

**A PISTOL WAS  
BARELY VISIBLE  
STICKING OUT OF  
HIS LEFT POCKET.**

***to be continued...***





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