



Table Talk



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Birthdays



Ariella	Jones
Annabelle	Marks
Rebecca	Greene
Emily	Cantor
Joshua	Klepper
Jamie	Lewis
Jake	Saffer
Lauren	Hymanson
Hannah	Jackson
Samantha	Levene
David	Matzliach
Jake	Rubinstein
Alexander	Rudette
Sam	Ballin
Adam	Goldfine
Elle	Heeley
Elisha	Balkin
Simeon	Goodman
Mira	Shvarts
Lucy	Basger
Andrew	Lawrence
Alexander	Orr
Tamar	Prais
Jay	Stoll

A Bite of Inspiration

Parashat Shelach-Lecha

When the ten spies who went to examine the Land of Israel brought back tales of horrific stories of mighty and formidable enemies they threw a confident nation into sheer terror. It is almost inconceivable that a nation that saw a sea split and Egypt humbled would shirk in utter terror -- because of reports of giants and fortified cities in their new country. Upon returning to the Jewish camp the ten spies dispersed amongst their own families and began to bemoan their fate. "Woe is to us!" they cried. "Our daughters will be taken captive, our sons murdered, and our possessions looted!" Neighbour to neighbour, the tales spread, and within hours, the entire nation was in a rebellious uproar, ignoring the positive reports that Calev and Yehoshua brought back. They even besieged Moshe, demanding to return to Egypt. Yet, it seems that it was not the tales of fortified cities or the sight of mutated-looking giant fruits or even the actual giants themselves that caused the Jews to lament.

The spies described the giant men whom they encountered and the way they felt during that experience. "And

there we saw the sons of giants; we felt in our own eyes like grasshoppers next to them". Immediately, the next verse tells us, "The entire assembly raised up their voices and wept that night, saying if only we had died in the land of Egypt or in the wilderness!" It seems that the final words of the spies, "we felt in our own eyes like grasshoppers next to them," set up this tragic and futile reaction. Why? The Jewish nation had no fear of giant fruit or giant men. They knew they had leaders that could overcome any obstacle. But when they heard the ten spies - princes of the tribes -- claim that they felt like insects they knew that they had no chance to conquer the land of Israel. They had nothing left to do but cry. The sky began to fall on a self-pitying nation that was led by self-pitying leaders. And with the falling sky, fell the dreams, hopes, and aspirations of a generation that once yearned to dwell in the land of their forefathers. The Jewish nation was left to ponder that message for 40 years in the desert and perhaps thousands of years in the Diaspora.

After Dinner Joke

After a minor mathematical error on a routine report, a worker's boss tried to belittle him in front of his peers. Angrily she asked, "If you had 4 apples and I asked for one, how many would you have left?" Quickly he replied, "If it was you who asked, I'd still have 4 apples."



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Side Dish

Art News

After many months of hard work our art students in years 11-13 have completed their individual projects. A range of themes and concepts have been explored by the students. We have succeeded in transforming the school corridors into our very own art gallery. This week the AQA Examiner was in school to moderate the work. Pupils and teachers have worked hard to set up these exhibitions. Pupils

have considered layout, presentation and their audience .

There is an amazing range of work on display, covering a variety of endorsements such as Fine Art, Graphics, Photography, Textiles and 3D.

On Thursday 2nd of July there will be a Creative Arts Evening which will allow pupils and parents to come along and view all the wonderful work and attend the awards evening.

Please come along!

Celebrating Success

We're going to Alton Towers !

Well done to the many students who have received twenty or less negative IRIS points this year. Your good behaviour and hard work has been noticed and now we are celebrating your efforts.

Have a great day out!

