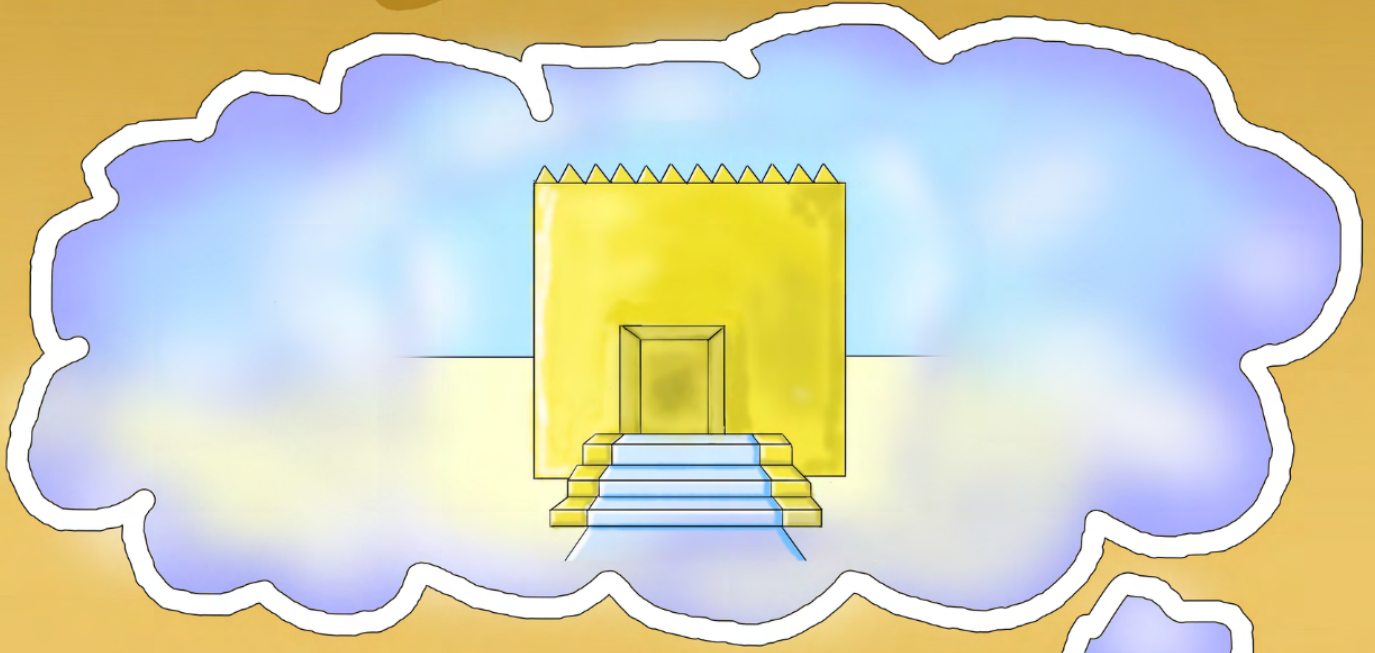


# Be'ezrat HaShem Kids

## THE 9TH OF AV



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# Hi, kids!

Did someone ever insult or embarrass you?!

It was probably an unpleasant feeling, yet it's no reason to cause problems. But Bar Kamtza took it differently...

Who is Bar Kamtza? What damage did he cause? And what can we learn from that? Find out in this month's feature!

Let's all try to work on ourselves to become better to each other and to HaShem.

Love,

Miriam Tamar

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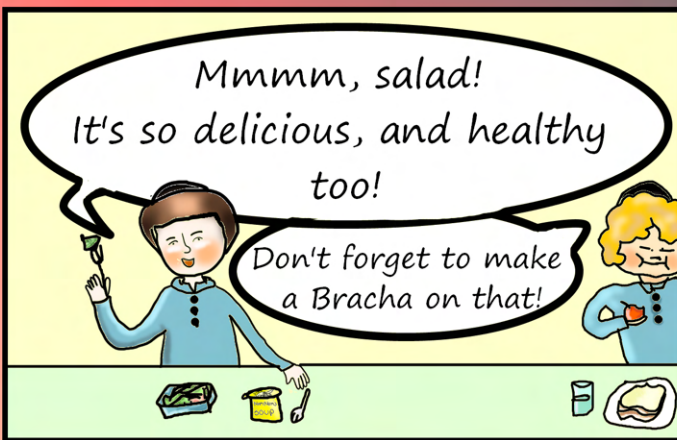
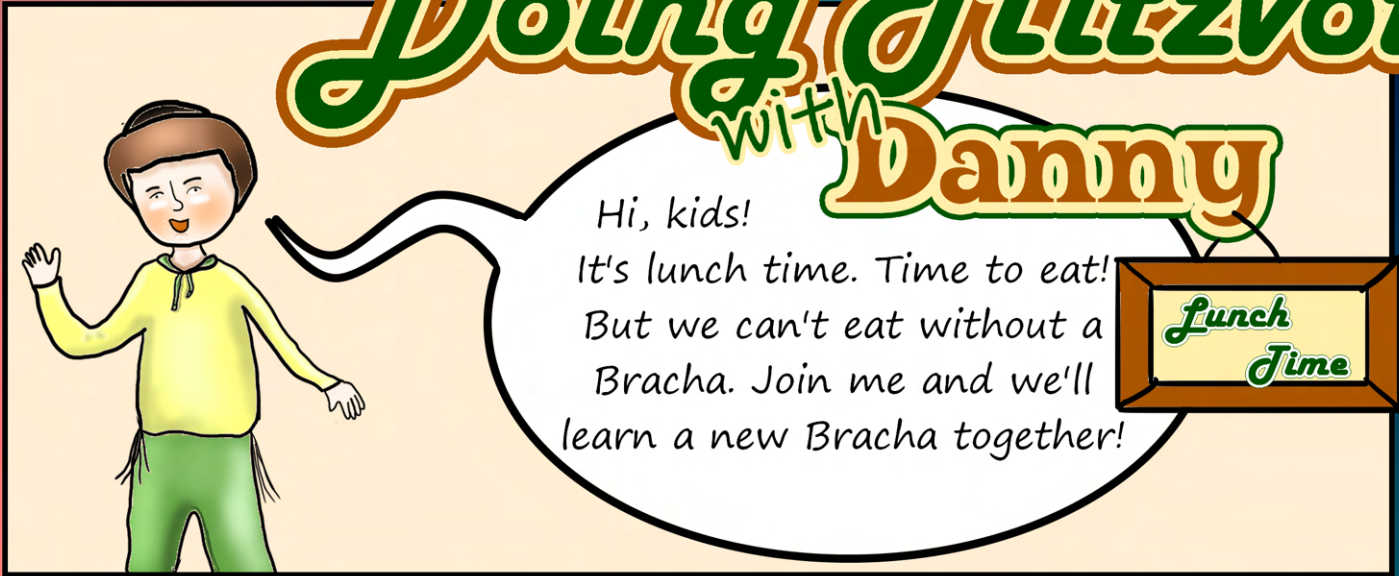
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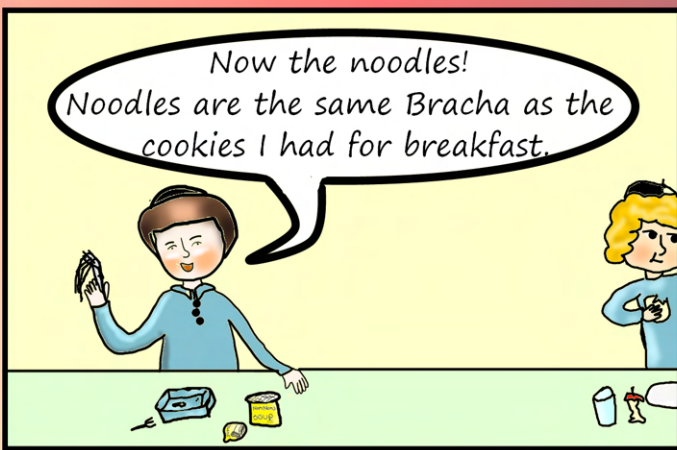
And  
much more...

# Doing Mitzvot with Danny



Say it like that:

**Baruch Atah  
HaShem Elokenu  
Melech HaOlam  
Boreh Pri HaAdama**



Remember?!

**Baruch Atah  
HaShem Elokenu  
Melech HaOlam  
Boreh Minei Mezonot**



**TIP:**  
Before starting a Bracha, take a second to think and make sure you know what Bracha you are about to say.



# Bear



At a salmon stream, a mother bear waits. And waits. But what is she waiting for? She's waiting for fish to jump out so she can catch them for her and her cubs.

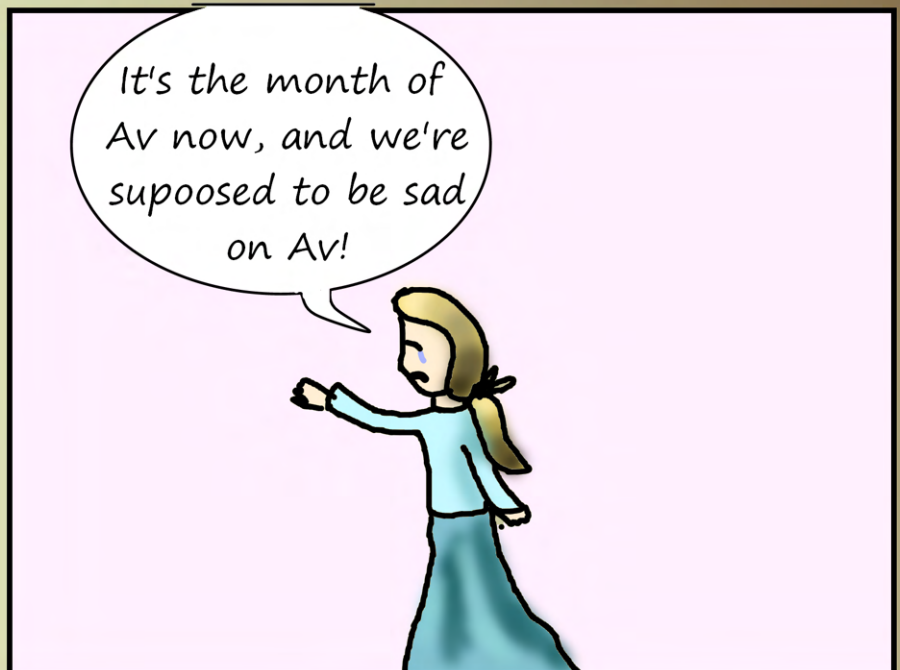
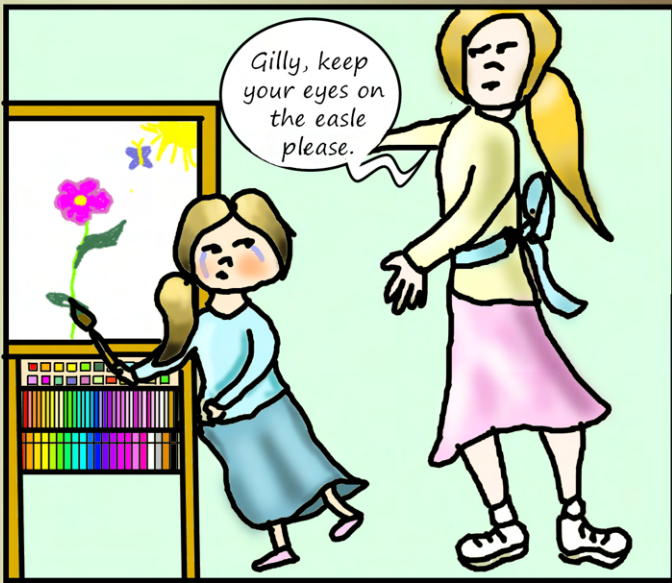
She doesn't go into the stream. She stands on a high rock so that the water comes just over her paws. Salmon fish jump out of the water often, but some are too quick or too far or too high up for the bear to catch. She waits patiently until she manages to catch one, which sometimes takes hours!

We can learn from the bear to be patient. Some things might take a long time, but eventually they'll happen. We just have to keep waiting patiently and never give up.



# Silly Gilly

IS SAD ON THE MONTH OF AV



# HATE Was The Cause

Once upon a time, when The Second Beit HaMikdash was still standing, lived a rich man in a big, beautiful house in Yerushalayim, with many maids and servants.

One day, the man wanted to host a festive feast. "Servants!" he called. A servant came scuttling out from nowhere. "Yes, sir!" he said. "Listen," the rich man said, "I'm hosting a great feast at my house. Everyone is invited to this feast. But my good friend, Kamtza, deserves a personal invitation. Please go invite him personally and tell him that I would love to see him at my feast."

As the servant left to carry out his orders, the other servants and maids in the rich man's house prepared food, cleaned the house and set the tables, while the host prepared himself with the best of his suits.

But then, a trouble happened. The servant who was sent to invite Kamtza, the friend, got mixed up, and accidentally invited instead Bar Kamtza, his master's worst enemy. Bar Kamtza felt honored that his enemy was inviting him to his feast even though they hated each other and thought that his enemy wanted to finally make peace, and that's why he invited him to his feast. 'If he wants to make up with me, then I'll forgive him for all the bad things he had done to me and go to his feast. It's time to make peace!', thought Bar Kamtza to himself.

The feast started. Tables started getting filled with people who were loudly and happily chatting with each other while enjoying the delicious food.

The rich man, as a good host should do, walked around the tables, making sure his guests were



comfortable and weren't missing anything. But then he saw him. Bar Kamtza, his worst enemy, was sitting at his table, eating and enjoying. 'WHAT ON EARTH IS HE DOING HERE?! I NEVER INVITED HIM TO MY FEAST!!!' he angrily thought, as blood rushed up to his head.

He furiously walked toward Bar Kamtza and yelled, "Bar Kamtza! Who invited you to my feast? Get out of my house RIGHT NOW!"

Quiet. Everyone stopped everything they were doing, and they all turned and stared shockingly at the drama that was happening in front of their eyes.

In a second, Bar Kamtza understood that the servant got mixed up. He was trying to explain to the host what happened, but the host wasn't willing to hear anything. "Get out of my house!" he kept yelling.

Bar Kamtza was so embarrassed. "Please," he said, "let me stay here and I'll pay you for whatever I'm eating." "I DON'T NEED YOUR MONEY!" the host bellowed. "I'll pay you for

half of the feast here, just let me stay!" tried Bar Kamtza again, as his cheeks were turning redder and redder. "Just get out already and don't ruin my party!" screamed the host. "Please," begged Bar Kamtza with tears in his eyes, "if you let me stay here, I'll pay you for the whole feast, just don't embarrass me like that in front of everybody!" The host couldn't control himself anymore. He angrily held on to Bar Kamtza's sleeve and pulled him toward the door.

Bar Kamtza walked out the door humiliated and upset. He was surely upset at his enemy who embarrassed him in front of everybody, but he was also upset at the other guests at the feast. 'So many people were there', he thought angrily, 'and none of them tried to stick up for me. None of them tried to tell the host to stop humiliating me in public. None of them tried to help me. Not even the Chachamim (The Sages) who were enjoying this feast. They will all pay for it. I'll revenge them all!' he fumed.

From the feast he went straight to the Roman Caesar who ruled Eretz Yisrael at that time.



"The Jews in Yerushalayim are trying to rebel against you," said Bar Kamtza to the Caesar. "Hmmm," said the Caesar, "and how can I know that you're not lying?"

"Give me a sheep," Bar Kamtza answered, "and I'll take it with me back to Yerushalayim and tell them it's from you for a Korban (sacrifice). If they refuse to bring it as a Korban, you'll know that they're rebelling against you."

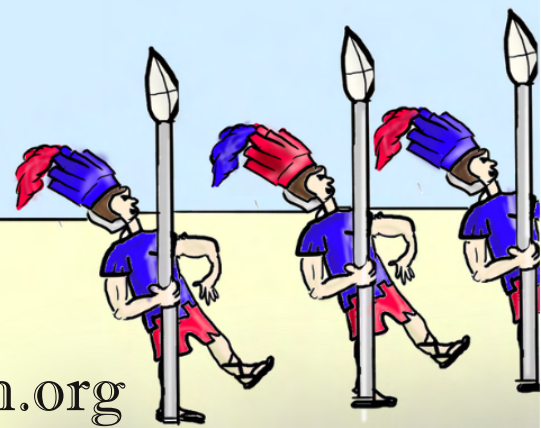
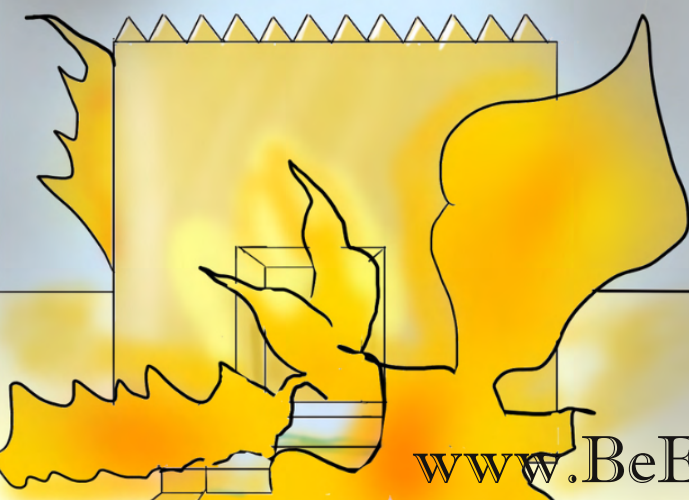
The Roman Caesar agreed and gave bar Kamtza a lamb to take with him back to Yerushalayim.

On the way to Yerushalayim, Bar Kamtza made a tiny cut in the lamb's lip. Something so small that wouldn't even be visible to anyone else, but to the Kohanim who make sure before bringing up a Korban that the animal is not injured and is whole and healthy for a Korban, it would surely be seen.

Bar Kamtza brought the lamb to the Beit HaMikdash and told the Kohanim that it's from the Caesar for a Korban. And indeed, as Bar Kamtza predicted, they refused. "We can't use this lamb for a Korban because it has a little injury on its lip," said the Kohanim.

Triumphant Bar Kamtza returned to the Caesar with the lamb, "proving" him that the Jews are rebelling against him. The Roman Caesar got upset and sent his soldiers to kill the Jews and destroy the Beit HaMikdash.

Dear children, this story shows us how bad hate is, and what terrible things it might cause. HaShem doesn't like when we fight and don't respect each other. Let's try our hardest to always be friendly to others and make peace between those who fight, so that it will bring an end to this long Galut (exile) and help build the Beit HaMikdash anew.





# ARE YOU A Crime Sleuth?

Find the answer to each riddle and write it down in the table at the end.  
Then look at the first letters of the answers and take a piece of advice  
that will help you, personally, and the rest of Am Israel!

**1** I say neigh,  
And I eat hay.  
The Romans used me to go and destroy  
The Holy Beit HaMikdash with their evil joy.

**2** I come from a hen and I'm round and white.  
The hen sits on me all day and all night.  
Eat me by the Seudah Mafseket before the fast of The 9th of Av,  
And remind yourself and the others around that we must increase love.

**3** I'm a sucking candy perched high on a stick.  
You don't ever bite me, all you do is lick.  
On a fast day, even if you're little or sick,  
You should avoid enjoying me, and to hide me – be quick!

**4** I have many eyes, yet I can't see.  
"Boreh Pri HaAdama" you say before eating me.  
Fried, boiled, mashed or cooked,  
During meals I'm never overlooked.

**5** I have water and I have sand,  
My sand is squishy in your hand,  
During The Three Weeks stay away,  
Don't come over to swim or play.

**6** I fall from the sky, so gentle and slow,  
Making puddles and splashes wherever I go.  
On the month of Cheshwan, by the Jews I get invited,  
To water everything and make everyone excited.

**7** The country HaShem promised us for no money,  
A blessed land of milk and honey,  
Make sure to always do Mitzvot and be clever,  
So this country stays ours forever and ever!

**8** I'm small and pointy and I'm on your face,  
I help you breath and smell every place,  
On Motzaei Shabbat I have a special role;  
To smell the Besamim for Shabbat's extra soul.

**9** We are small and round, and grow on a vine,  
In the fall we're harvested and made into wine.  
We are one of Shivat HaMinim – the seven special fruits  
That show how the blessed land of Israel, to the Jews suits.

**10** I shine at night and glow so bright,  
I'm a friend of the stars in the dark night.  
Every Rosh Chodesh I am reborn,  
And by the middle of the month, I'm fully grown.

**11** My skin is thin, I'm delicious and sweet.  
In the fall I'm picked from the tree to eat.  
Don't forget to thank HaShem for bringing me here,  
And before eating say "Boreh Pri HaEtz" loud and clear.

**12** I'm a shiny metal that's bright and so bold.  
I'm used in coins and treasures, but I'm not gold.  
Jewish items are made from me to respect the Torah,  
Like a Kiddush cup, a Challah knife and a Menorah.

**13** I'm something you wear on top of your head,  
To keep the sun out or to stay warm in bed.  
If your Kippah might fall off when you play and run around,  
Cover your head with me to keep you safe and sound.

**14** I'm yummy and creamy, the summer's best friend,  
Everyone enjoys me from beginning to end.  
I'm a sweet and delicious treat as cold as can be,  
Make sure to say the blessing of "Sha-Hakol" before eating me.

**15** When things go the opposite way and wrong,  
Always remember that you must stay strong.  
Don't raise your voice, yell or debate,  
Stay away from me, I'm a bad trait.

**16** I'm a baked delicious food you would love to eat.  
Sometimes I have frosting on me to make me a real treat.  
I'm served at birthday parties where I'm such a big deal,  
Or on Shabbat as a yummy dessert after the meal.

**17** I'm a feeling that's bright and light,  
I make you smile, day and night.  
Tisha b'Av is the only day  
When from me you stay away.

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# **"The Saddest Day,"** **The Brightest Hope**

**On Tisha b'Av, the saddest day of the year,  
We remember the pain and even shed a tear.  
Although it might be hard, we try not to avoid  
Mourning for the holy Beit HaMikdash that got destroyed.**

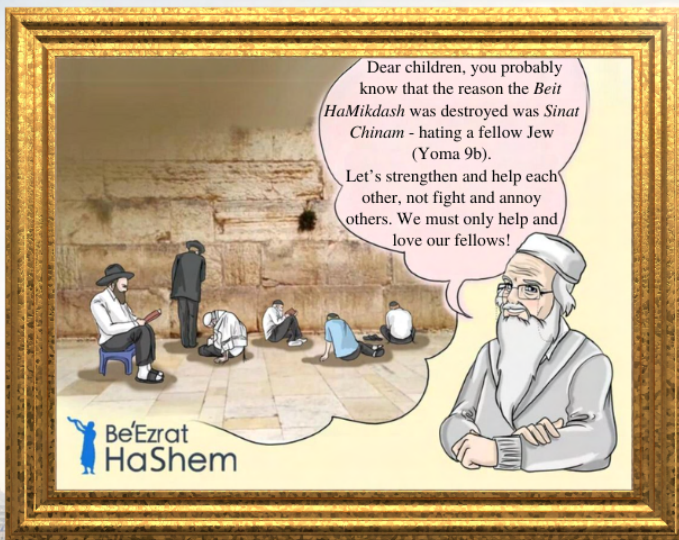
**We sit on the floor, with our heads bowed low,  
With mourning we try our sadness to show.  
We don't eat or play, we just think and sigh,  
Remembering the hard times that our people went by.  
Even Torah we are not allowed to learn on that day,  
To the destruction and grief, full attention we should pay.**

**But even in sadness, in our hearts we have hope,  
That helps us the exile's difficulties to cope.  
MaShiach is close to bring the redemption.  
No more anguish or sorrow, a world of perfection.**

**So let's try our best to be kind to each other,  
Let's help and respect our father and mother.  
Give Tzedakah to the needy, never make a fuss,  
How soon Mashiach will come, is only up to us!**



# May JERUSALEM be built again soon!



# BH Kids AV art

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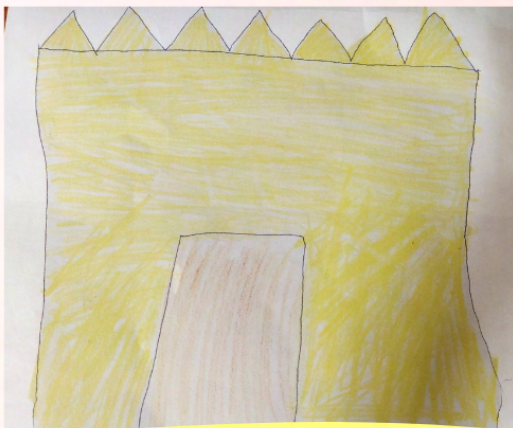
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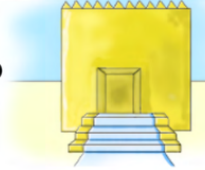


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Torah Arts should be submitted by  
September 10th, 2024.

# Match!



## Help the girl

get to the end without bumping into bad deeds or things she should avoid doing on The 9th of Av

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**START**



**FIGHTING**



**YELLING**



**BATHING**

