

THE Y FILES

(*YERUSHALAYIM)

Year 1:
Haftarot

BY
NETANEL EPSTEIN

WWW.NETBATEP.COM

SO THE GUY THERE SAYS TO ME, "ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO WRESTLE A SABRE-TOOTHED TIGER WITH NOTHING BUT A BOTTLE OF SHAMPOO AND A SEMI-RIPE AVOCADO?" AND I SAY TO HIM, "ME?! HA! I WAS BORN TO WRESTLE SABRE TOOTHED-AVOCADOS WITH NOTHING BUT SEMI-RIPE TIGER SHAMPOO..." OR WHATEVER IT WAS...



REALLY?

AND THEN I WOKE UP TO FIND ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE STARING AT ME IN STUNNED SILENCE. TURNS OUT I'D SHOUTED OUT THAT LAST SENTENCE IN MY SLEEP. FOR SOME REASON, EVERYONE GOT OFF THE BUS IN A HURRY AT THE NEXT STOP...



SO, THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE BORN TO DO, IS IT?

WHAT, SCARE PEOPLE OFF BUSES, OR WRESTLING SHAMPOO BOTTLES WITH...?

FORGET IT, DUDE... IT'S JUST FUNNY HOW PEOPLE SAY "I WAS BORN TO DO THIS... BORN TO DO THAT..."



I MEAN, WHO DECIDES AT THE BIRTH WHAT A PERSON'S SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIS LIFE?

THE MOTHER? SHE'S RECOVERING FROM LABOUR, SHE'S PROBABLY NOT THINKING ABOUT THE BABY'S LIFE MISSION JUST THEN... THE BABY? HE'S TRYING TO OPEN HIS EYES AND BREATHE AT THE SAME TIME... THE DAD? HE'S...



...BUSY APOLOGISING PROFUSELY TO THE SHRIEKING LADY NEXT DOOR FOR THROWING CONFETTI AT HER AND SINGING "I GOT YOU, BABE" AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS BEFORE REALISING HE'S BURST INTO THE WRONG DELIVERY ROOM...

...AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW IT WAS FOR ME WHEN SHLOMTZI WAS BORN. WHEN HAREL WAS BORN, THE HOSPITAL COINCIDENTALLY WENT INTO EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN JUST AS I ARRIVED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR SOME REASON... WHAT ARE THE ODDS?



YOU'RE FULL OF STORIES TODAY, AREN'T YOU? BUT...

...BUT THINK ABOUT IT: IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY COOL, WOULDN'T IT...?

IF SOME HEAVENLY VOICE ANNOUNCED BEFORE YOU'RE BORN WHAT YOUR DESTINY IS...

WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO BE IN THIS WORLD...

MRS. MANOACH?

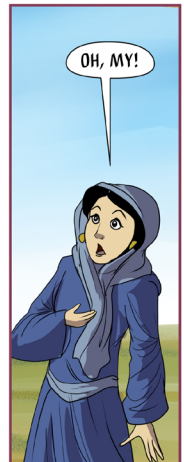


LIKE, SAY, IF AN ANGEL APPERED AND SAID...

BEHOLD, YOU ARE PREGNANT! THE SON YOU BEAR WILL BE A NAZIRITE OF G-D FROM BIRTH! AND HE WILL BEGIN TO SAVE ISRAEL FROM THE PHILLISTINES!



OH, MY!





WOW, THAT'S... THAT'S AMAZINGLY...!

...REDUNDANT!



I BEG YOUR...?

IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED, LADY, ISRAEL DOESN'T NEED SAVING FROM THE PHILIPPINES...

PHILLISTINES, DUDE, PHILLISTINES! GOODNESS KNOWS WE NEED HELP WITH THEM...



WAIT, I HAVE TO CALL MY HUSBAND, HE HAS TO HEAR THIS!

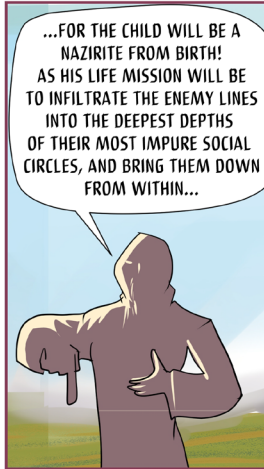
MANOACH! MANOACH!

SAVING ISRAEL... WOW, THAT'S QUITE SOME DESTINY TO BE BORN TO!



IT WAS YOU WHO SPOKE TO THE MISSUS, WAS IT? WHAT WILL WE HAVE TO DO FOR THE BOY? WHAT IS HIS DESTINY?

YOUR WIFE MUST REFRAIN FROM DRINKING WINE, EATING GRAPES OR ANYTHING IMPURE...



...FOR THE CHILD WILL BE A NAZIRITE FROM BIRTH! AS HIS LIFE MISSION WILL BE TO INFILTRATE THE ENEMY LINES INTO THE DEEPEST DEPTHS OF THEIR MOST IMPURE SOCIAL CIRCLES, AND BRING THEM DOWN FROM WITHIN...



...HE WILL NEED FIRM SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS TO KEEP HIM TRUE TO G-D AT ALL TIMES! THE EXTRA HOLINESS HE WILL HAVE AS A NAZIRITE WILL ADORN HIM LIKE A CROWN OF G-D...

SO NOW THAT I KNOW HIS FATE, I SHALL GIVE HIM ALL THE SPIRITUAL TOOLS I CAN DURING THIS PREGNANCY...



PRECISELY. BYE FOR NOW!

IT... IT WAS ANGEL OF G-D! WE SAW AN ANGEL OF G-D! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A HUMAN PROPHET OR SOMETHING!

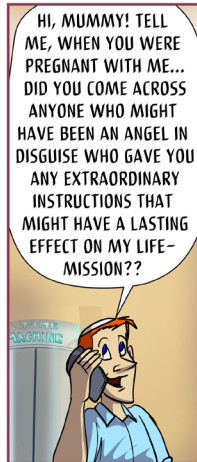
AAARGH!



WELL, THAT WAS MOST ENLIGHTENING! I WONDER IF...?

I HAVE TO CALL MY MOTHER WHEN WE GET BACK...!

YOUR MOTHER?



HI, MUMMY! TELL ME, WHEN YOU WERE PREGNANT WITH ME... DID YOU COME ACROSS ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE WHO GAVE YOU ANY EXTRAORDINARY INSTRUCTIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE A LASTING EFFECT ON MY LIFE-MISSION??



SHE SAID THERE WAS THIS ONE DOCTOR WHO TOLD HER TO STAY OFF HEAVY THINGS, SO SHE ATE NOTHING BUT MONKEY NUTS AND WATCHED NOTHING BUT LOONEY TUNES...

THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING!