THE Y FILES
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HMPH! I NEVER ASKED MY OL' DAD SUCH QUESTIONS, AND I'VE GOT A PREQUEL MOVIE TO PROVE IT...!
OF COURSE, THEY MAY NOT BE ACTUAL LAMPS... THEY COULD BE THE LITTLE LED LIGHTS OF LOTS OF HI-RES LONG-DISTANCE CAMERAS?
WILL THAT HELP?
WELL, IT MEANS THE "GREAT KINGS OF THE PAST" NEEDN'T PRESS THEIR ROYAL EYEBALLS TO THE STARS TO SEE US, THEY CAN LOUNGE BACK IN THEIR HEAVENLY COUCHES AND WATCH US IN FULL H.D...?
GREAT. FINE. FANTASTIC.
GLAD WE'VE RESOLVED IT ALL NOW...
WELL, NO, NOT REALLY, BECAUSE WHY SHOULD ONLY THE KINGS HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH TECHNOLOGY UP THERE? WHAT ABOUT THE GREAT TZADDIKIM OF THE PAST? OR THE GREAT WARRIORS OF THE PAST?
OR, SINCE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT, WHAT ABOUT THE GREAT ORTHODONTISTS AND DRY-CLEANERS OF THE PAST...?
LOOK, SIMBA, WHEN I SAID THAT, I DIDN'T MEAN IT PHYSIO-TECHNO-OPTICOLOGICALLY, OK? I MEAN IT SPIRITUALLY...!
OHHHHH!!! THAT MAKES MUCH MORE SENSE NOW!
YES, SPIRITUALLY IS GOOD!
IT'S LIKE WHEN G-D SAYS TO AVRAHAM: "RAISE YOUR EYES NORTHWARDS AND SOUTH AND EAST AND WEST... AND SEE THE LAND...
THE MESHECH CHOCHMAH EXPLAINS THAT WHILE ISRAEL MAY LOOK LIKE AN ORDINARY COUNTRY, WITH BUSES, AND AND TAX-AUDITS AND NEWSPAPER CROSSWORD PUZZLES... BUT RAISE YOUR EYES TO LOOK AT IT ALL FROM A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE! SEE HOW HOLY IT ALL IS!
YES, SON, AND SIMILARLY, REGARDING THE STARS...
G-D ALSO PROMISES AVRAHAM THAT HIS DESCENDANTS WILL BE LIKE THE STARS... YOU KNOW WHY?
NO...?
THE BA'AL SHEM TOV SAYS THAT JUST AS STARS CAN SEEM LIKE TINY, INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE DOTS WHEN LOOKED AT FROM AFAR, BUT...
...BUT GET A BIT CLOSER AND YOU'LL DISCOVER THEY'RE ACTUALLY POWER-SOURCES OF ENDLESS COLOSSAL LIGHT AND ENERGY...
...THE SAME IS TRUE OF EVERY JEW! LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER, AND YOU'LL SEE HOW INFINITE EVEN THE MOST SHALLOW-LOOKING YID REALLY IS...
WOW, DAD, THAT'S TOTALLY INSPIRED! SHKOYACH! SHKOYACH!
THANK YOU, SON.
SO ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT THE KING OF THE PAST...?
THAT WAS SCRIPTED SHMALTZ. DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU...
SO...AGAIN...? YOU WERE SAYING... "LOOK AT THE STARS..." WHY EXACTLY?
OH, ER...
KIDDUSH LEVANA!
RIGHT.
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS, DADDY? MY FREINDS HAVE THIS SAME BOOK AT HOME, BUT WHEN THEIR DADS READ TO THEM, THEY SOMEHOW MISS OUT ALL THIS INSPIRING CHASSIDUT...
OHH... IT'S CALLED READING BETWEEN THE LINES, SON...
READING BETWEEN THE LIONS, MORE LIKE...