THE Y FILES
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OH, COME NOW, SIR, BEING "BESIMCHA" - IN A STATE OF OF JOY AND ENTHUSIASM - IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF JUDAISM, SIR!
IS IT, NOW?
OH YES, AND SEEING AS ALMOST EVERYTHING CONSTRUCTIVE THAT WE DO IS, IN ONE WAY OR OTHER, A MITZVAH - A JEW SHOULD STRIVE TO ALWAYS BEING OVERYJOYED BY THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING G-D!
FASCINATING.
AND THIS IS RELEVANT... HOW EXACTLY?!
OH, I'M GETTING TO THAT!
DID YOU KNOW THAT "SIMCHA" IS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING PROPHECY?
IN BIBLICAL TIMES, PROPHETS WISHING TO "TUNE IN" TO PROPHECY USED TO PLAY MUSIC IN ORDER TO RAISE THEIR SPIRITS!
IF YOU THINK THAT THIS MUSIC IS RAISING MY SPIRITS...
NOW, NOW, SIR...
HAPPINESS IS LIKE WI-FI. EVEN IF THERE'S AN INCOMING PROPHECY THAT'S ALREADY BEEN SENT TO YOU, IF YOU'RE NOT "BESIMCHA" - IT WON'T COME THROUGH, SEE...?
BUT - FOR GOODNESS' SAKE, BENTZI - I'M NOT WAITING FOR PROPHECY, I'M WAITING FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES !
WHY, EVEN AVRAHAM AVINUA MUST HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN AT LEAST A BIT "BESIMCHA" WHEN HE APPROACHED THE TERRIBLE TASK OF BINDING YITZCHAK...
OTHERWISE HIS RADAR WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PICK UP A NEW MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN IN THE MIDDLE...
WHAT MESSAGE?! WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU KNOW WHICH MESSAGE...
DO NOT SLAUGHTER THE LAD, NOR DO HIM ANY HARM!
AH!
YES, IMAGINE WHAT A LOSS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THAT PARTICULAR PROPHECY HADN'T COME THROUGH...?
...FOR AVRAHAM, FOR ISRAEL, FOR ALL OF HISTORY...
SO... YOU'RE SAYING THAT IF I... CHANGE MY MOOD... AND ADOPT A MORE... POSITIVE OUTLOOK... THEN... THE ALMIGHTY MAY... OPEN UP CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO ME?
NICELY PUT, SIR! LET'S HAVE A SMILE, NOW...? GIVE US A BEAM...?
MAYBE A SONG?
"MITZVAH GE-DO-LA LIH-YOT BE-SIMCHA...TAMMID..."?
WE APOLOGISE FOR THE DELAY. MY NAME IS JANIS. HOW MAY I BE OF ASSISTANCE TODAY?
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HELLO? HELLO?
SIR?
ANYBODY THERE?
ER... YES, BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED OUT...
PLEASE HOLD...