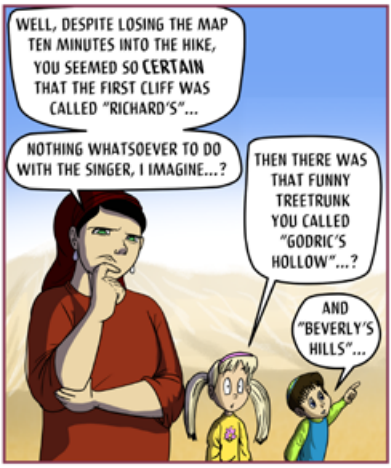
THE Y FILES

(*YERUSHALAYIM)

BY
NETANEL EPSTEIN
WWW.NETBATEP.COM


WELL, DESPITE LOSING THE MAP TEN MINUTES INTO THE HIKE, YOU SEEMED SO CERTAIN THAT THE FIRST CLIFF WAS CALLED "RICHARD'S"...
NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE SINGER, I IMAGINE...?
THEN THERE WAS THAT FUNNY TREETRUNK YOU CALLED "GODRIC'S HOLLOW"...?
AND "BEVERLY'S HILLS"...

OH, AND THAT CHARMING LITTLE TRICKLE OF WATER WE PASSED IN THE VALLEY, CALLED... WHAT WAS IT?
"DAWSON'S CREEK"...?
AND THE DIRT-TRACK YOU CALLED "RAMCHAL'S PATH OF THE JUST"?
AND "WINNIE THE POOH'S THINKING CORNER..."

AND SO, AFTER BEING MARRIED TO YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME, I CAN'T HELP HAVING THIS NIGGLING SUSPICION THAT PERHAPS YOU'RE MAKING THESE NAMES UP TO COVER UP FOR THE FACT YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE?
THAT'S... THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS... I...

THE RUZHYINNER REBBE SAYS THAT LIFE IS A TREK! A JEW NEVER STOPS MOVING AHEAD, EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS HE'S GOING BACKWARDS!
I SEE...
AND EVERY STOP ON THE WAY - EVEN THE WRONG TURNS WE TAKE - ESPECIALLY THE WRONG TURNS! - ARE PART OF OUR JOURNEY!

WHY DO YOU THINK MOSHE RABBEINU CHARTS ALL THE LOCATIONS WE TREKKED THROUGH OVER THE YEARS IN THE DESERT?!
LOADS OF THEM WERE TERRIBLE BLUNDERS WE WOULD HAVE LOVED TO FORGET! BUT WE LEARNED FROM THEM! SO THEY TURNED OUT TO BE POSITIVE!

SO, OK, WE MAY HAVE MADE ONE OR TWO WRONG TURNINGS HERE OR THERE, ON THIS TRAIL, BUT YOU'LL SEE... IT'LL ALL BE WORTH IT IN THE END, WHEN WE SEE HOW IT ALL LED US INEVITABLY TO...

...THE CAR!
WE'RE SAVED!
20-054

AAAH, AIR CONDITIONING...
THAT WAS PROBABLY A VERY CLEVER SHORT CUT! SEE? A GOOD NAVIGATOR ALWAYS KNOWS WHERE HE'S...
LOOK OUT!

HELLO, WE NEED TO BE TOWED FROM...
OH, BENTZI, WHAT WOULD THE VERY POSSESSIVE DESERT-DWELLERS HAVE NAMED THIS CHARMING PLACE?
ER... HA HA... NO-MAN'S LAND?