THE Y FILES
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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HOW VERY HEALTHY IT WOULD BE IF WE ADOPT THE WIDESPREAD OPINIONS THAT PRAISE ER... INTERMITTENT FASTING?
ARE YOU SAYING I'M FAT?!
ER, HEAVENS, NO...
HELP, THIS IS SO NOT GOING THE WAY I WANTED IT TO...

I JUST WANT TO PROTECT YOU FROM ALL THE DANGERS OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY! POISON APPLES! LITTLE "EAT ME" BISCUITS THAT MAKE YOU BALLOON TO THE SIZE OF A HOUSE! GENETICALLY MODIFIED GEFILTE FISH! ER... KITNIYOT!
I'LL RISK IT, THANK YOU.
NO!! ER...

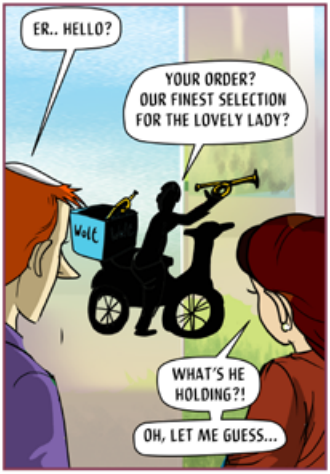
DEAD SEA MUD? YOUR ORDERED ME A BASKETFUL OF... A LOAD OF VARIATIONS OF... MUD?
ER... SURPRISE!!
MUD
WHY, THE LAND OF ISRAEL'S BOUNTY IS ITS FRUITS, CERTAINLY – WHEAT, BARLEY, GRAPES, FIGS... ETC...

BUT THE LAND'S BOUNTY IS ALSO ITS VERY EARTH! "A LAND WHOSE VERY STONES ARE AS VALUABLE AS METAL, AND FROM WHOSE HILLS YOU SHALL HEW COPPER! A LAND THAT HAS EVERYTHING IN IT!" EVEN ITS MUD IS HOLY AND SPECIAL!
FOR IS THAT NOT WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE LAND OF ISRAEL?! HOLINESS HERE IS NOT THEORETICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL! IT'S SO REAL YOU CAN MASSAGE IT INTO YOUR SKIN!

CHARMING THOUGHT. AND TO THINK I THOUGHT THE "SURPRISE" BIT OF THIS SURPRISE PICNIC WAS THE PLANNING! I DIDN'T REALISE THE MENU WAS MEANT TO BE SO SURPRISINGLY MUDDY!
ER...NO. DRATTED AUTO-CORRECT TYPING MUST HAVE MESSED UP MY GOOGLE SEARCH.
"BEAUTY BASKET" INSTEAD OF "BOUNTY BASKET" ...
I'LL ORDER US SOME BAGELS.
THANK YOU, DARLING. BAGELS WOULD BE PERFECT.
I WILL NOT LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!

STILL... WHILE NOT ENTIRELY EDIBLE, THIS BASKET IS A LOVELY AND PATRIOTIC GIFT...
IT MAY NOT BE "FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD," BUT IT CERTAINLY IS...
DO I FEEL A SONG COMING ON?
YOU DO!

"MUD, MUD! GLORIOUS MUD! NOTHING QUITE LIKE IT FOR COOLING THE BLOOD..."
ER... BENTZI YERUSHALMI?


ER.. HELLO?
YOUR ORDER? OUR FINEST SELECTION FOR THE LOVELY LADY?
WHAT'S HE HOLDING?!
OH, LET ME GUESS...

YOU ORDERED FROM "HOLY BUGELS"?
ER... SURPRISE!