THE Y FILES
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"I AM 120 YEARS OL T'DAY..."
REALLY? YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER 119...
"...AN' I CAN'T MOVE FORWARD NO MORE!"
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S QUOTING MOSHE RABBEINU, I THINK. HIS FINAL SPEECH, ON THE LAST DAY OF HIS LIFE...
...WHEN HE SAYS THAT G-D HAS FORBIDDEN HIM FROM MOVING AHEAD TO CROSS THE JORDAN RIVER TO ISRAEL.
THAT'S RIGHT, MAN! BUT, DANG, HE AIN'T JUST TELLIN' MOSHE NOT TO MOVE FORWARD GEE-O-GRPAHICALLY!
RABBI NATAN O' BRESLOV EXPLAINS THAT MOSHE COULDN'T MOVE FORWARD SPIRITUALLY, NEITHER!
HE WAS ALL...
"I'VE REACHED THE TOP AND HAD TO STOP, AN' THAT'S WHAT'S A-BOTHERIN' ME!"
WELL, THERE YOU HAVE IT, THEN, SEE? EVEN THE ALMIGHTY PUTS UP "STOP" SIGNS! Q.E.D!
NO, NO, Y'GOT IT ALL WRONG, MAN!
MOSHE TELLS US ABOUT HIS "STOP" SIGN FROM THE ALMIGHTY, BECAUSE HE WAS THE ONLY ONE IN HISTORY TO GET ONE!
HE SAYS "DANG, I CAN'T PROGRESS NO MORE IN LIFE, THAT'S A SURE SIGN I'M GONNA KICK THE BUCKET ANY MOMENT..."
CUZ WHAT IS A JEW'S LIFE, IF NOT "MOVIN' FORWARD"? EVEN WHEN WE'RE SOMETIMES IN "REVERSE" GEAR, IT'S SO WE C'N TURN AROUND AN' KEEP GOIN'!
MOSHE TELLS US HE WAS THE EXCEPTION!! BECAUSE, DANG, HIS MESSAGE TO US WAS THE EXACT OPPOSITE, MAN!
A JEW NEVER STOPS MOVIN' FORWARD! SO LONG AS Y'GOT ONE LAST BREATH IN YOUR BODY, Y'CAN REBOOT EVERYTHIN'!
Y'CAN REPENT, Y'CAN FIX, Y'CAN SWERVE FROM THE ROAD TO TRANSGRESSION TO THE EXPRESS TRAIN TO HIGHEST HEAVEN! NEVER, EVER STOP, MAN! NEVER STOP!
OH. RIGHT. WELL... ISN'T THAT AN INSPIRED PRE-ROSH HASHANA PEP TALK...?
GOOD OLD MOSHE RABBEINU... OR... REBBE NATAN...
SO, SHERIFF, Y'ALL GONNA STOP TRYIN' TO STOP PEOPLE MOVIN' FORWARD?
I SUPPOSE SO...
SO... DOESN'T HE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT ANYMORE?
WELL, HE CLEARLY DOESN'T HAVE THE ABILITY...
GOOD, CUZ I'M JUST ABOUT TO SING ♪ "STOP, HEY, WHAT'S THAT SOUND, ♪ EVERYBODY LOOK WHAT'S GOIN' DOWN..."
...IT'S A REAL SHOWSTOPPER!
I WISH...
IF ONLY...