THE Y FILES
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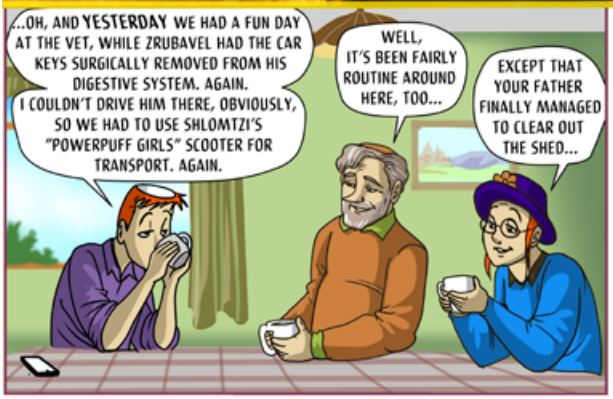



















YOU WERE BORN UPSIDE-DOWN, AND HAD TO BE YANKED OUT WITH A WINCH BY YOUR HEEL.
YOU WERE BORN SLIGHTLY PURPLE UNTIL WE MANAGED TO CALM YOU DOWN WITH SOME GILBERT AND SULLIVAN...
YOU WERE BORN WITH A RASH ON YOUR LITTLE BACKSIDE THAT CURIOUSLY RESEMBLED THE SHAPE OF GREENLAND...
I ACTUALLY THOUGHT IT LOOKED LIKE ONE OF MUM'S FISH SCHNITZELS...


ER... IS THIS GOING ANYWHERE? ONLY, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A CALL...
WE'RE JUST SAYING THAT AT THE TIME, YOU DIDN'T SEEM IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE WHAT IT WAS YOU WERE BORN FOR...
...NOR WERE YOU IN POSITION TO HICCUP UNTIL THE MIDWIFE HELD YOU THE RIGHT WAY UP AND GAVE YOU A GOOD SLAP ON YOUR LITTLE MAP OF GREENLAND...

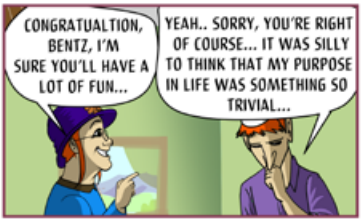

I... I GET IT...
OH, I WOULDN'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS...
OK, SORRY, I TAKE IT BACK, I WASN'T BORN TO...
Y'KNOW WHEN YAAKOV AVINU WRESTLES THE ANGEL OF ESAV?
THE ANGEL PLEADS TO BE RELEASED BECAUSE HE HAS FINALLY BEEN CALLED TO SING BEFORE G-D...?


THINK ABOUT IT, THAT ANGEL HAD BEEN WAITING ALL IT'S... WELL... EXISTENCE TO BE CALLED TO SING, WHAT ARE THE CHANCES HE'D BE CALLED UP WHILE IN BATTLE WITH YAAKOV?
TALK ABOUT TIMING, EH?!
WELL, WE LEARNED THIS TOGETHER THIS WEEK:
THE AVODAT YISRAEL EXPLAINS THAT ANGELS ARE ABLE TO SING ONLY ONCE THEY'VE COMPLETED THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE CREATED!


THE ANGEL OF ESAV - NAMELY, OUR ULTIMATE SPIRITUAL NEMESIS, THE YETZER HARA - WAS CREATED TO TRY US AND TEST US TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY...
ITS PURPOSE, THOUGH, IS NOT TO TORMENT US, BUT TO ENABLE US TO OVERCOME HIM!
SO WHEN YAAKOV OVERCAME HIM SO COMPLETELY, THE ANGEL HAD COMPLETED ITS PURPOSE! AND THEN HE COULD FINALLY SING!


Y'SEE, SON?
ER... YES... Y'DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE BORN TO BE UNTIL YOU'VE...?
...UNTIL YOU'VE WRESTLED WITH WHAT, FOR YOU, IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE AND OVERCOME IT!
BEING IN THAT PLAY WILL BE FUN, CERTAINLY, BUT IS THAT ALL G-D HAD IN MIND FOR YOU WHEN HE CREATED YOU?


WELL, MR. YERUSHALMI, THAT WAS A MOST UNEXPECTED REACTION. A RASH IN THE SHAPE OF GREENLAND, EH?
AARGH! IT WAS STILL ON LOUDSPEAKER!
WE DIDN'T GET ALL OF THAT, BUT THE BIT ABOUT BEING YANKED BY THE ANKLE UPSIDE-DOWN IS A MOST RON WEASLEY-ISH EXPERIENCE, SO YOU'LL DO GREAT! REHERSALS START MONDAY!


CONGRATUALTION, BENTZ, I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF FUN...
YEAH.. SORRY, YOU'RE RIGHT OF COURSE... IT WAS SILLY TO THINK THAT MY PURPOSE IN LIFE WAS SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL...


HOW ABOUT YOU TWO? HAVE YOU DISCOVERED YOUR LIFE MISSION THROUGH OVERCOMING A REALLY SUMPTUOUS CHALLENGE THAT MADE YOU FEEL "YES! THIS IS WHAT I WAS MADE FOR"?
WELL! IT'S FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK, BECAUSE...


...DID I MENTION THAT I'D FINALLY CLEARED OUT THE SHED?
MY HERO!