

When Louis was younger, he just hated going to bar mitzvahs. All of his uncles and aunts used to come up to him, poke him in the ribs, and say to him, "You're next, Louis."

**But they stopped doing that  
after Louis started doing the  
same thing to them at funerals.**

One day, two bees are buzzing around what's left of a rose bush. "How's your summer been?" asks bee number one.

"Not too good," says bee two.

"Lotta rain, lotta cold. There aren't enough flowers, therefore not enough pollen."

The first bee has an idea. "Hey, why don't you go down to the corner and hang a left? There's a bar mitzvah going on. Plenty of flowers and fruit."

Bee two buzzes, "Thanks!" and takes off.

An hour later, the bees bump into each other again.

"How was the bar mitzvah?" asks the first bee.

"Great!" replies the second.

The first bee, however, notices a small circle on his friend's head, and inquires, "What's that on your head?"

"A yarmulke," is the answer.

"I didn't want them to think I was a Wasp."

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**Inability to remember one's lines  
at one's Bar Mitzvah.**

# BAR MITZVAH PARENTAL RELEASE

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תו וְטַבְתָּהֶם לֹקֵס בֶּן יְהוֹ

*Lukas ben*

*Y'honatan v'Tavtah*

Luke Dotson

בָּרוּךְ שֶׁפְּטַרְנִי מֵעֲוֹנוֹ שְׁלָזָה.

Ba-ruk h shep-ta-ra-nee  
may-on-sho sheh-lah-zeh.

Blessed is He Who has released  
me from [literally: the punishment]  
the full responsibility for the  
character and deeds of my son.

Why do we do Bar Mitzvah?  
How did it start? Origins of Bar  
Mitzvah

- The **Great Synagogue in Rome** records the custom of a **young woman** [!]

being called up in synagogue  
before the entire community  
dates back to the early years of  
the Roman Jewish community  
approximately **2,300 years ago.**

**200 BCE**

Pirkei Avot/Ethics of the Fathers 5.21.1 [**~200 CE**]

- Five years is the age for the study of Scripture.

- Ten, for

- the study of Mishnah.

- **Thirteen, for the obligation to observe the mitzvot.**

- Fifteen, for the study of Talmud.
- Eighteen, for marriage.
- Twenty, to pursue [a livelihood].
- Thirty, for strength,

- Forty, for understanding.
- Fifty, for counsel.
- Sixty, for sagacity.
- Seventy, for elderliness.

- Eighty, for power.
- Ninety, to stoop.
- A hundred-year-old is as one who has died and passed away and has been negated from the world.

# What is a Bar Mitzvah?

בַּר מִצְוָה

son בַּר

female noun מִצְוָה

(religion) commandment,  
precept; decree, edict; good  
deed, act of kindness

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, בְּבֹאֲךָ; וּבְרוּךְ אַתָּה,  
בְּצֵאתְךָ

Dt. 28.6 “A blessing on you when you go out, and a blessing on you when you come in.”

God meets us at transition points  
Birth: Brit Milah/circumcision  
Puberty  
Marriage  
Death

- Luke 2. 41-47 Every year Yeshua's parents went to Yerushalayim for the festival of Pesach. **When he was twelve years old, they went up for the festival, as custom required.**

Luke 2. 41-47 **But after the festival was over, when his parents returned, Yeshua remained in Yerushalayim...they spent a whole day on the road before they began searching...**

Luke 2. 41-47 They returned to Yerushalayim to look for him. On the third day they found him -- he was sitting in the Temple court among the rabbis, not only listening to them but questioning what they said; and everyone who heard him was astonished at his insight and his responses...

Luke 2. 41-47 So he went with them to  
Natzeret and was obedient to them.  
And Yeshua grew both in **wisdom** and in  
**stature**, gaining **favor both with other  
people and with God**.

•Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ grew  
–intellectually,  
–physically,  
–socially, and  
–spiritually.

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So, how does this relate to  
Mother's Day?

**There is rarely a Bar Mitzvah  
without the input of the Jewish  
mother.**

- She often plays a key role in planning and organizing the event.
- The mother typically helps prepare the child spiritually and emotionally for the ceremony.
- She may be involved in selecting the Torah portion and other religious aspects.

- The Jewish mother often hosts the celebratory meal or reception following the service.
- She provides support and encouragement to her child during this significant life transition.
- The mother may also share personal reflections or blessings during the ceremony, highlighting family values.

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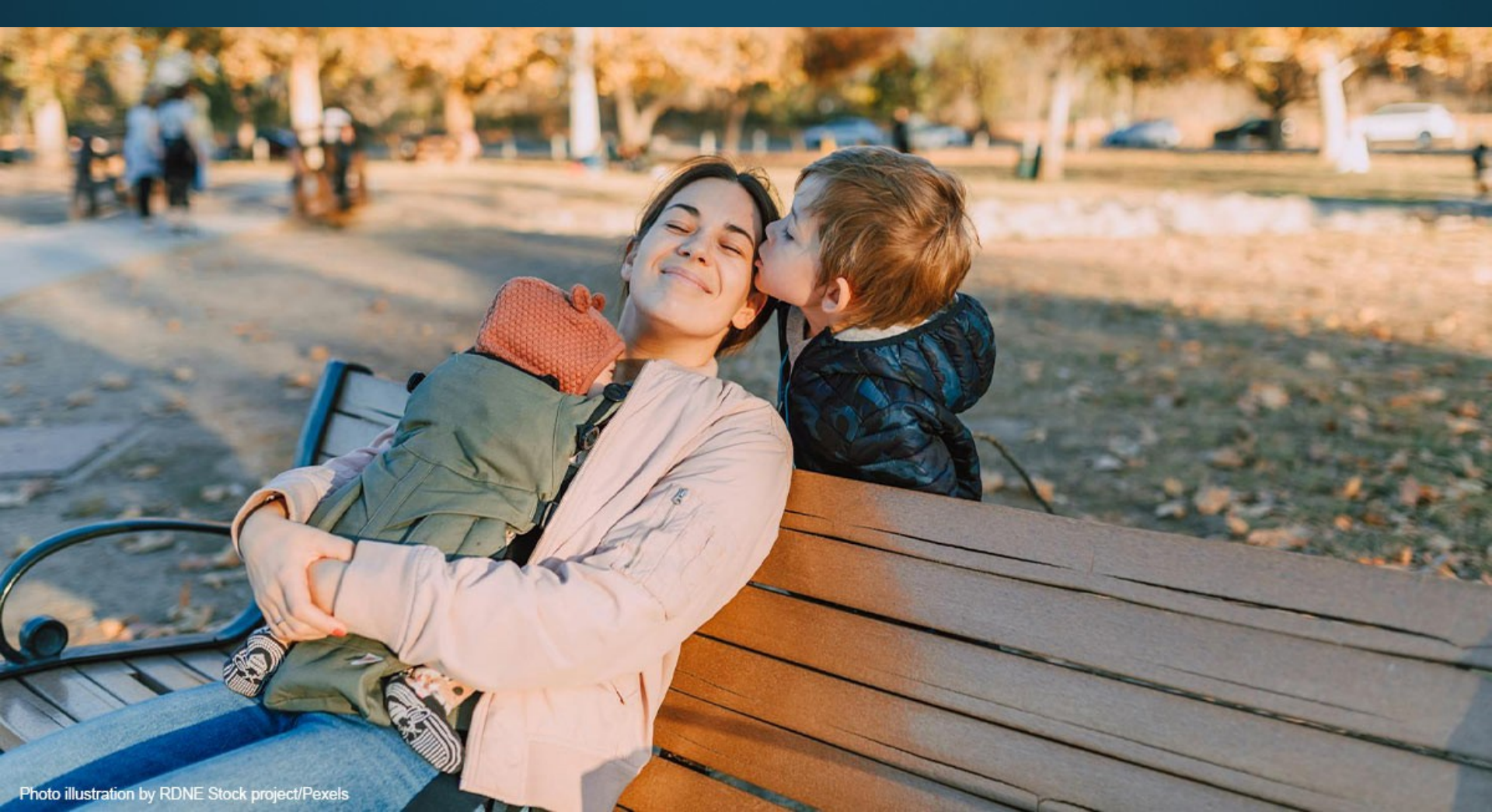
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There was a CIA memo not too long ago. The memo warned that women were joining a movement it called “white racially and ethnically motivated violent extremist,” or “**REMOVE.**”

From there, the memo proceeded to warn about “the white REMVE view of traditional motherhood” and that **one group of concern**, whose identity was redacted in the final report, “**has lauded motherhood and homemaking as women’s most important responsibility.**”



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“He is to be free to stay at home and bring happiness to the wife he has married.” – Deuteronomy 24:5

If you really want to know about a man and what kind of character he has, you need only look at the countenance of his wife.

Everything he has invested, or withheld, will be there.

That was the message Bill McCartney, then head coach of the University of Colorado football team, heard in a 1994 sermon. The words cut straight to his heart. McCartney had built the Colorado football program into a powerhouse that won a national championship in 1990. He had also cofounded a national men's movement, Promise Keepers.

But those achievements came at a price. For years McCartney had withheld his time and energy from his wife, Lyndi, and their four children.

In 1994, Bill McCartney didn't like what he saw in Lyndi's countenance —so he resigned from his position at the University of Colorado to devote more time to his wife and family.

As a husband, you bear the primary responsibility for your wife's welfare and emotional wellbeing. What do you see in her face tonight?

Do you cheer her?



Men, your wife is under attack.

Mishlei/Prov 31.10 CJB Who can find a capable wife? Her value is far beyond that of pearls.

<sup>NIV</sup> A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

<sup>TLV</sup> A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

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can find

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מִי

who

ḥa-yil

חַיִּיל

virtuous


'ê-šet-

אֵשֶׁת-

A wife

hayil: strength, valor, army, wealth, capability, able, activity, army, band of men soldiers, company, great forces, goods,

Modern Hebrew soldier: חַיִּיל חַיִּילָת

A family of five is walking through a field of tall, golden wheat at sunset. The mother, on the right, is wearing a light blue dress and holding a baby in her arms. She is holding the hand of a young girl in a white dress. To her left are two other young girls, one in a blue top and white skirt, and another in a white dress. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the field. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and celebratory.

**celebrating Mother's Day**



# Help for Stressed-Out Moms



I can remember being at a law society dinner with Rob. We were sat around a table similar to this and a young lawyer, woman said to me, "Hi, Di, how are you? Do you work?"

And I just wanted the floor to open up and swallow her.

“Yes, I do work. I'm in a program of social development and at present I'm working with three age groups, first with babies and toddlers. That involves a basic grasp of medicine and child psychology. Next, I'm working with teenagers and I confess the program is not going too well in that area at the moment.

And finally, it's evenings and weekends. I work with a man age 39 who's exhibiting all the classic symptoms of midlife crisis. That's mainly psychiatric work. The whole job involves planning and make it happen attitude and the ability to crisis manage. I used to be an international fashion model, but I got bored.”

# Some testimonials

"My mother modeled the idea of celebrating everyday joys. Anything that could be close to construed as a holiday was an occasion for a card from her with a tiny little note in her tiny little handwriting.

Her ability to observe and celebrate the little moments in life brought great joy and was a wonderful model of creating happiness for those around her, which fed her own joy and contentment with life. My memory of her caring and kindness will forever be with me."

— Martha A.B. in Edmore, Michigan

"My mother was heading to GW Hospital to give birth. She had blood dripping down her legs, and yet stopped to braid my hair. She sat on the edge of the tub in her bathroom and patiently did my hair with love and patience. I have never forgotten her act of selflessness."

— Nancy K. in Vero Beach, Florida

"One thing I've learned about being a mom is that it's more about presence than anything else. It's not about doing things right or better. It's not about knowing all the answers. It's not about wishing we could have bought our kids all the cool stuff, or wishing we'd done things differently.

It's about showing up as we are today, in this moment, and being with our kids fully. It's not about wanting to change anything; it's just about being 'here' now."

— Lora P. in Seattle, Washington

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**#1 Stay OUT of DEBT**

The United States has crossed a historic financial threshold, as the nation's debt held by the public has now exceeded the size of its entire economy. New data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that U.S. national debt reached approximately \$31.27 trillion as of March 31, while nominal gross domestic product (GDP) stood slightly lower at \$31.22 trillion over the previous 12 months.

The National Debt is now over \$31 trillion, bigger than our entire economy. Here's what that means: If the federal government were to demand, for an entire year, that all workers hand



over 100 percent of their wages, that all landlords hand over 100 percent of their rents, that all investors hand over 100 percent of their capital returns and that all corporations hand over 100 percent of their profits, then at the end of that nightmarish year, the government would still be in debt.

**#2 Don't believe the lies of the media, especially about Israel**

"All the News  
That's Fit to Print"

# The New York Times

THE WEATHER  
Today, sun, 74, hot, thunder-  
storms late, high 91. Tonight, partly  
cloudy, showers early, cloudy late,  
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## FRENETIC SEARCH OF EPSTEIN FILES, AND NOTHING NEW

### ENORMOUS OPERATION

F.B.I. and Justice Dept.  
Scour for Anything to  
Quiet Trump Base

By ADAM GOODMAN  
and ALAN FRYER

WASHINGTON — This spring, the F.B.I. and the Justice Department made an all-out push involving hundreds of employees to scour the Jeffrey Epstein files with a single goal in mind — find something, anything, that could be released to the public to satisfy the mounting clamor from the angry legions of President Trump's supporters.

But after devoting countless hours to the project, working all hours around the clock searching databases, hard drives, network drives, cabinets, desks and closets, the bureau and the department finally acknowledged this month that they had little to show for their efforts. They came to realize, for instance, that there was

## Trump Clashes With Fed Chair In a Rare Visit

Pressing Powell on Cost  
of Bank's Renovation

By COLBY SMITH

WASHINGTON — President Trump sparred on Thursday with Jerome H. Powell, the chair of the Federal Reserve, over the cost of renovations to the central bank's headquarters in Washington during a tour of the active construction site. The visit by the president and other top White House officials was arranged to find evidence to back up allegations by the administration that Mr. Powell had mismanaged the costly project.

Mr. Trump was led through the site by Mr. Powell, who is a frequent target of the president's attacks because of the central bank's unwillingness so far this year to lower interest rates. The president has previously called on Mr. Powell to resign before his term is up in May and has also openly lusted with firing him.

The visit escalated the administration's pressure campaign, which has expanded beyond the Fed's handling of the economy to include the \$2.5 billion revamp of



Mohammed Zakaria al-Mutawaq being held by his mother (Photo: Screenshot/NYT)

However, later in July 2025, freelance investigative journalist David Collier published a medical report which provided details of the child's medical condition, including his diagnosis of pre-existing medical conditions, including cerebral palsy and hypoxemia, both of which affect his physical appearance.

The NYT later published an acknowledgement that the child in the image had "pre-existing health problems affecting his brain and his muscle development," while the story and the caption that originally accompanied the picture implied that he was suffering from malnutrition.

**#3 Don't believe the lies of the media, especially about sexuality**

The Israeli Foreign Ministry's social media account posted an announcement of a pride festival to take place at the Dead Sea in June, calling it "the biggest LGBTQ+ festival ever in the Middle East."

Some conservative  
Christian accounts  
on social media  
noticed the location  
of the pride event,  
which will take  
place in the Dead  
Sea area,



**LARGEST PRIDE FESTIVAL  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

the setting for the biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah, which were judged by God for the perversion of traditional Ancient Near Eastern hospitality and an attempt to engage in homosexual relations with the two angelic visitors, described in Genesis 19.



When Kaytlin O'Neall walked through the chapel doors on a golden October afternoon, her heart swelled with joy and anticipation. Ahead of her stood Drew Brown — the man she had prayed for, laughed with and loved since their school days.

At that moment, every year of friendship, distance and devotion led to this: their wedding day, and their very first kiss.

“This was truly so worth the wait,” Brown told People.

Save your kisses for your missus,  
then they will be most delicious.

Save your kisses until you are a  
missus,  
then they will be most delicious.

# #4 Keep Shabbat

# Pres. Trump makes a Shabbat proclamation.



President's declaration specifically invites families and communities across America to unite  
the time of sunset on Friday until the beginning of the Sabbath on Saturday.

*Photo: Mendy hechtman / Flash90*

Trump's proclamation states that from Friday evening, May 15, until Saturday evening, May 16, Americans are invited to observe the Sabbath in recognition of Jewish customs. This would "recognize the sacred Jewish tradition of setting aside time for rest, reflection, and gratitude to the Almighty..."

From sundown on May 15 to  
nightfall on May 16, friends,  
families, and communities of all  
backgrounds may come together  
in gratitude for our great Nation."

Haym Salomon (1740 – 1785),  
“the Jew who saved America”

He financed the American  
Revolution.

1781, Washington’s army was  
deserting, out of funds, the  
war was being lost.

Salomon raised the funds,  
and supported our first four  
presidents.



Haym Salomon  
Jewish financier of the American Revolution

Without him, the War for  
Independence would have been  
lost.

He was imprisoned by the British,  
lost his health, died young.

But...

The government never paid him  
back.

He died penniless (at 44 years of age), as did his wife, as did his children.

His grandchildren appealed to Congress, which admitted money was owed, but never paid.

In 1926 (100 years ago), a statue honoring him was proposed for Washington, DC, but never built.

# #5 Serve others

# World Cup Schedule ~700,000 visitors to KC!



**Jun 16**  
Tue, 8:00pm

GROUP J  
**Argentina vs Algeria**  
Kansas City, MO · GEHA Field at Arrowhead  
Stadium

From \$851



**Jun 20**  
Sat, 7:00pm

GROUP E  
**Ecuador vs Curacao**  
Kansas City, MO · GEHA Field at Arrowhead  
Stadium

From \$392



**Jun 25**  
Thu, 6:00pm

GROUP F  
**Netherlands vs Tunisia**  
Kansas City, MO · GEHA Field at Arrowhead  
Stadium

From \$455



**Jun 27**  
Sat, 9:00pm

GROUP J  
**Austria vs Algeria**  
Kansas City, MO · GEHA Field at Arrowhead  
Stadium

From \$343



**Jul 3**  
Fri, 8:30pm

ROUND OF 32  
**1K vs TBD**  
Kansas City, MO · GEHA Field at Arrowhead  
Stadium

From \$668



**Jul 11**  
Sat, 8:00pm

QUARTERFINALS  
**W95 vs W96**  
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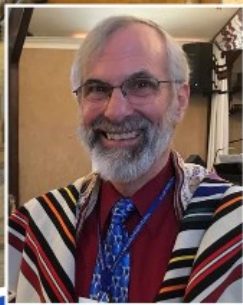
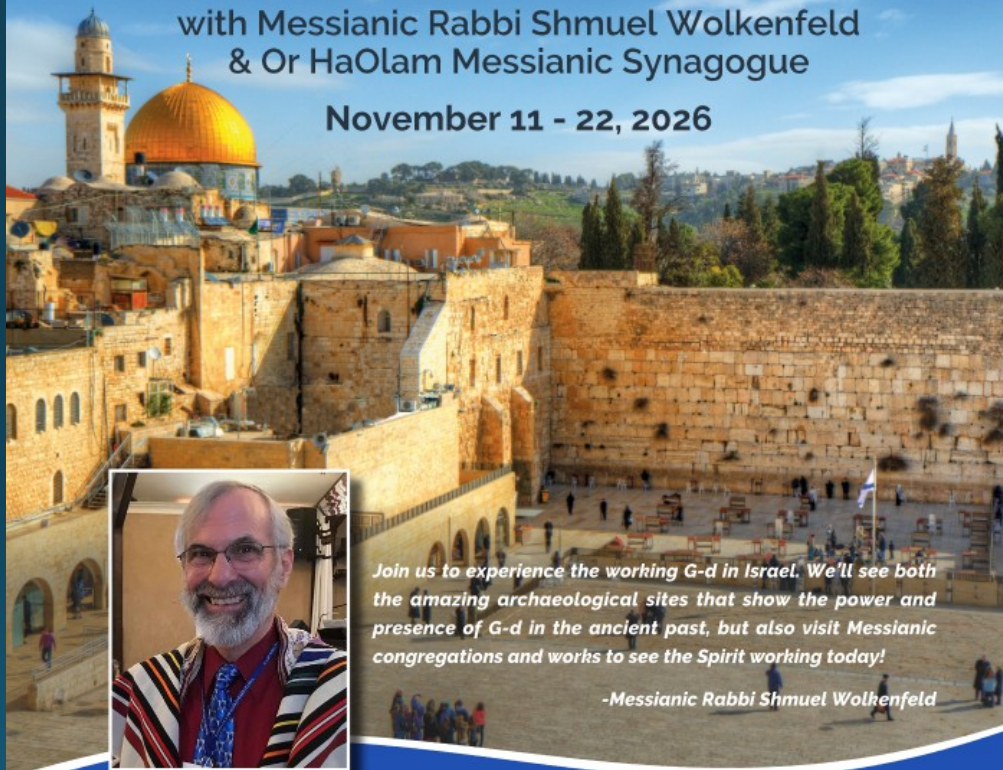
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