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Parsha: Ha'azinu

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Mindblower!!!!

There is a U in four and fourteen, but why isn't there one in forty?

Awesome Aliyah

Aliyah 1

- **M**oshe opens his final song by calling heaven and earth as witnesses, comparing his words to rain and dew that nourish the ground.
- He praises Hashem as "the Rock," whose work is perfect and whose ways are just.
- He turns to criticize the people for their ingratitude toward Hashem, who made and sustained them.

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D'var Torah On The Parsha

The Eagle That Doesn't

There's a moment in Moshe's song where he uses an eagle to describe how Hashem cares for the Jews: an eagle stirs up its nest, spreads its wings, and catches them on its back. The eagle doesn't immediately catch its young. It allows them to struggle, but stays close enough to protect them. Rashi adds that the eagle flies higher than other birds so that arrows from below cannot reach it. By protecting itself, the eagle is able to continue protecting those beneath it. What's the P'shat? The P'shat is that Hashem's protection does not mean preventing us from struggling. Like the eagle, He gives us room to struggle, grow, and make the effort ourselves—but He remains close enough to catch us when we need Him. The fact that this appears in the middle of the Aseret Yimei Teshuva feels especially meaningful. Teshuva was never meant to erase the struggle or prevent us from falling. It is about having a Hashem who remains close enough to catch us when we genuinely make the effort to rise. The struggle is ours, but we are never alone.

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KOSHER COMEDY CORNER

Q: What do you call an Epic Cow?

A: Legend Dairy (legendary).

Famous Jewish Companies

Epic Mickey

Warren Spector is the Jewish video game designer behind some of the most influential titles in gaming history — System Shock, Deus Ex, and Thief. Spector, whose mother survived the Holocaust, founded Junction Point Studios in 2005. Disney acquired the studio in 2007, and Spector went on to direct Disney Epic Mickey, a 2010 game built around a forgotten piece of Disney history: Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, Walt Disney's original cartoon character from 1927. The game let players "paint" or "thin" away the world around them, changing Mickey's story based on their choices. Spector announced his retirement from game development last August.



Parsha Pointers

Moshe tells the Jews, in poetic language, what will happen to the nation from the time they enter Eretz Yisrael until the coming of Mashiach.

- Moshe calls heaven and earth to witness what he is saying.
- He talks about the greatness of Torah and Hashem.
- He tells them to learn from history that bad things will happen if they turn away from Hashem and sin.
- Moshe assures the Jews that Hashem will not leave them forever.
- Hashem tells Moshe to go up to Har Nevo.
- From there, he will be able to see all of Eretz Yisrael, even though he will not be able to enter the Land. Then he will die and be buried on the mountain.

Fantastic, Fabulous, Fun Facts!!!

There is a remake of the Epic Mickey game that came out on the Wii called Epic Mickey: Rebrushed. It is a full remake of the 2010 Wii platformer, rebuilt from the ground up, and is accessible on Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4/5, Xbox One/Series X|S, PC, iOS, and Android.

RUSSIAN TERMS

Epicheskiy

эпический

Translation: Epic. This week's P'shat is the Epicheskiy edition.

Perchatki

перчатки

Translation: Gloves.

Stolbets

столбец

Translation: Column. The first part of Parsha Ha'azinu (and this week's D'var Torah) is written in 2 columns in the Torah.

Halacha Of The Week

Halachot of Keli SheMelachto

LeHeter

A Mezuzah is considered like any other type of sacred scroll. Even though a person would be scared that it might become pasul, which would make you think that it would be considered muktzeh machmat chisaron kis (meaning an item that is set aside because it's expensive or because it has a specialized use), it is not a problem because people can use it to learn how to write the letters, or they can learn other laws of the mezuzah while handling it. Therefore, you are allowed to move it, even if it's very valuable.



This section is written by Moshe Pleshtiyev. These Halachot are based on the writings of the Chazon Ovadia.

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The Punchline

I made this epic new material that is immune to chicken attacks... It's impeckable.

Riddle!!!

Q: What type of vegetable is only kinda epic?
A: A radish (rad-ish).

Terrific Torah Thoughts

Hashem – The Rock

Throughout the song of Ha'azinu, Moshe repeatedly calls G-d "HaTzur" — the Rock — a name barely used anywhere else in the Torah. Why? Rashi explains a rock is chosen because it symbolizes strength that doesn't erode, even while everything around it changes.