

# Different Colors

The various colors began to quarrel, each claimed it was the best and the most important.

**Green** said: "I stand for "Go!" Look at all the grass and trees, I'm the majority!"

**But Blue** said: "You see only earth, but look up to the big blue sky, reflected in all waters of the seas."

**Yellow** smiled: "You're all too serious. I am the sunflower's smile, warm as big as the sun is yellow."

**Orange** said: "I'm a picture of health, as in carrots and oranges. I outshine you all at sunrise & sunset!"

**Red** blurted: "**STOP!** I am life's blood, love and passion, brave and bold."

**Purple** Proclaimed: "I represent Kings, Princes and royalty. You are all my subjects!"

**Indigo** whispered: "Quiet! I am the silence of thought, reflection and inner peace."

As the boasting colors argued louder and louder, lightning flashed, thunder rolled, and the fearful colors crouched close to each other for safety and survival, until the rain came forth:

"You're each unique and contribute different aspects of the same spectrum,  
so why fight among yourselves?

When dark clouds loom, stretch across the sky to remind us all to appreciate each other."

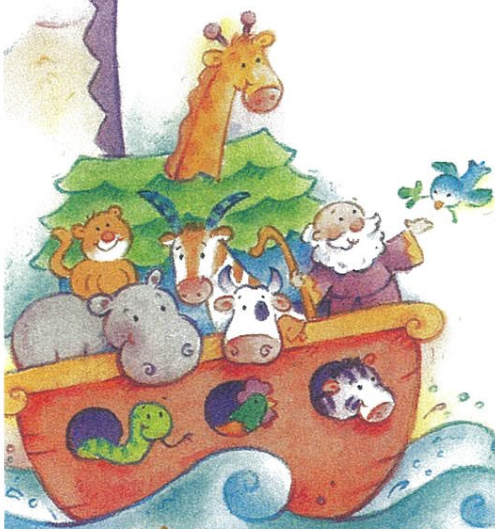
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## In honor of Sid Stark's Parshas Noach Bar Mitzvah Celebration

לזכות ר' ישעיהו בן הענאך ואשתו דבורה לאה וכל בני משפחתם שיחיו

Repairing all kinds of car makes and models and colors, tires, wheels, mufflers and more, the trustworthy **Sid Stark** Trademark represents a Mensch of Torah, Mitzvah and integrity.







A pile of books rests patiently amidst customer receipts, vendor orders and parts catalogs. Sitting nearby, a well-used phone decorated in smudgy black fingerprints clamors for attention, determined not to be ignored. A friendly half-grin hangs from the face of the attractive man who silences and calms the ringing device, raising his pointer finger as he politely excuses himself from our conversation.

"Rebecca, when do you want to bring it in? Are you at the park now? Maybe 4:15? 4:30?"

Just above the pocket on the left side of the man's dark blue shirt, embroidered letters spell out his given name, "Sid." The sign painted on the exterior of the building offers completion, denoting

his surname and the name of this well-known Saratoga auto garage, "Stark's."

Sid remembers growing up in Saratoga, pumping gas to earn extra money throughout his summers, with no intention of inheriting this family business. He studied Chemistry at RPI and spent five years teaching both Chemistry and Physics. When that job ended, he started back at Stark's and eventually took over for his father, Henry. Sixty years after his father first built and opened Starky's, as it's affectionately known, Sid continues to delight and be delighted by his customers.

"That they trust us and trust our work, gives you a good feeling that you don't get working for someone else. Here it's me and the building and the business reflects our values."

Stark's offers traditional garage-type services: oil changes; tires; inspections; brake, muffler and battery replacement; and tune-ups. Sid has one employee, a mechanic, who does most of the work.

"It's just the two of us. If you ask him, he'll say he does 99-percent of the work and he's probably correct."

Sid prefers interacting with his customers, appreciating the nuances he's gleaned from them over the years. The piles of books on his desk and table offers one example.

"I have a customer who is a limo driver and he brought me a bunch of books. He would read books while waiting for his fare and got me into reading. He got me into a lot of different authors I had never heard of."

Now a self-described avid reader, Sid appreciates detective and spy novels and mysteries. Dig a little deeper on the table covered in mechanics magazines, and uncover an Organic Chemistry book, a reminder of Sid's former career.

Dig a bit deeper into conversation and discover, Sid is not a car snob. He'll accept customer cars of any make or model, but drives a Honda civic and a Toyota pickup, two manufacturers he's grown to trust, appreciating that while both are branded Japanese, most of the vehicles are made right here in the USA.

"I just like practical cars that'll go from A to B, so I drive a Honda and a Toyota pickup. I'm not one of those guys that likes to keep a car forever."

It's vintage American cars, however, that catch his eye, offering a glimpse at days gone by.

"I like cars from the 50's, the colors and style—turquoise, pink, all kinds of wild colors and tailfins.

A customer walks into the shop. The two chit chat for a few minutes before Sid turns over the keys.

"I went to school with his wife and his wife's sister," Sid tells me as the man leaves.

Stark's garage is clearly a beloved fixture here on Excelsior Avenue, though as Saratoga grows and expands, Sid notices his customers are driving in from farther away.

"This building is circa 1958. When it was built, this was a smaller town and most customers lived two to three miles away. Now because of changes in the demographics, most customers are from surrounding towns."

Sid travels farther to work now, too, he and his wife having moved to Albany several years ago for her job. They are parents to four daughters and grandparents to three granddaughters and three grandsons, many of whose faces you'll see peering from photo frames scattered around Sid's office. So far, none have expressed an interest in carrying on the family business.

When the doors to the shop close at night, you might find Sid hiking, biking or swimming with his family at one of the area lakes.

While he does plan to retire one day, Sid has no immediate plans for anything but running Stark's, proud of the fact that it's one of the oldest continuing garage businesses in the area.

"I don't know what else I'd do... being in this business is who I am."

A chemist's brain, a businessman's heart and a garage owner's hands—all melding together to create this fabulous and endearing man known in Saratoga as simply, "Sid." 5





# FLOOD WARNING!

## EXTREME RAIN STORM SWEEPS THE EARTH

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impatience causes the lion's share of problems. Use chutes for  
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Note: Not responsible for change of voice or discoloration.  
Some coughing of blood may occur. Observe 7 Noahide  
regulations upon disembarking.



**BIG BUILDING BOOM BUST:** As we speak, the universal communication system is breaking down and disintegrating into babble and squabble Gobbledygook communication, miscommunication, gibberish. Akdnu aien caier kn kjakhj buj kjjj dijj dlnakuu. Djkkjd ueunf jdh kjahddjdjdhfg jdye nvien nvijfj kfjynv nvnj.

## Saving the Species

BY DR. NOAH VETERINSKY

Cross-breeding and rampant bad behavior are ruining our environment and ecological balance.

Let us work to save and provide food and shelter to endangered species, so they can live properly and reproduce.

But caring for animals is easier said than done. Ach! Feeding them is so exhausting, it can make you sick.

Animal eating habits differ and it takes great effort to suit their taste. Timing is crucial. Some eat by day, while nocturnal animals eat only at night. The animal's compartments must be kept clean, and wastes removed.

My worst friends are dogs, foolin' around when they shouldn't, constantly barking, Oy Vey!

A little birdie told me they'd rather be out in the wild to hunt and scavenge for themselves. But hard as you try, animals are embittered by their dependence on man, and they'll bite the hand that feeds them.

#### WALL & STREET REPORT:

## Synthetic Smart-Stone Soars

**BABYLON**— Modern science is transforming the Stone Age into brick, the new rock solid building block.

Once upon a time, big boulders had to be cut from mountain cliffs, a dangerous operation that often crushed stonecutters to death.

Transportation was a backbreaking task, carting heavy rocks long distances from the quarry. The raw rock was then painstakingly hacked by axe, hammer and chisel into manageable sizes. Stacking odd shaped stones atop each other, nooks, crags and crannies had to be filled and patched, as crooked jittery lines characterize the old-fashioned stone walls.

#### ENTERING THE BRICK AGE

Searching for a substitute, man discovered the versatile Brick, which is a smart stone. Like the invention of the wheel, man-made stone represents the triumph of the human brain over brawn.

No longer must we collect stones scattered all over creation. The uniform standardized brick eliminates hard work, and the finished product fits perfectly.

Brick Technology utilizes cheap and abundant clay and water, the same materials in pottery and earthenware. The liquefied mixture pours easily into molds, and hardens by firing high temperatures in a kiln.

Presto! Within hours, hundreds of identical pre-fabricated bricks come off the assembly line, ready to build.

A bricklayer, as the modern 'mason' is called, is no blockhead; he is highly trained in many courses. No need to transport: the bricks are produced at the worksite according to need and specifications.

More than just a substitute for stone, Brickology represents the new independent lifestyle. No longer do we depend on created materials. Bricks build Faith in Human Power and Progress.

The Brick Age is indeed a stepping stone to the conquest of space. Now firmly established on the ground, man can raise his sights ever higher, and shoot for the stars!

#### EDITORIAL:

## Watch Your Language!

Today's society is flooded with obscenity and sinking in immoral smut and shmutz, yet this TTT publication will spare no words to refrain from vulgar vernacular, even when dealing with animals.

This may seem a bit roundabout, especially when we usually prefer to be brief, but we want to spell it out fully, so you get the message.



## BOOK REVIEW

Introducing “*The Dictionary*”

Life was simpler when we were all on the same page, and people leveled with each other. People said what they meant, meant what they said, and communication was straightforward.

But modern man refuses to remain on the bottom floor. Moving ever upward, communication becomes more complex and diversified, creating the need for a ‘dictionary.’

The historic *First Multilingual Dictionary* is made possible by the Tower Language Division.

Basically, the dictionary is a useful tool to translate our words to a different language, but strange terms such as ‘translate’ & ‘language’ must first be explained to our unilingual audience.

‘Language’ can mean different word systems used by various peoples. Rather than sharing one common language as in the past, we now have seventy!

‘Translate’ allows diverse languages to interface. A multi-lingual dictionary thus helps people of different languages to communicate better with each other.

All this may sound confusing. Why duplicate languages? Why can’t we all continue to use the same language? Why waste time and effort looking up words in dictionaries?

This “Mishkababel” is indeed quite confusing, but that’s the cost of living in an upscale society.

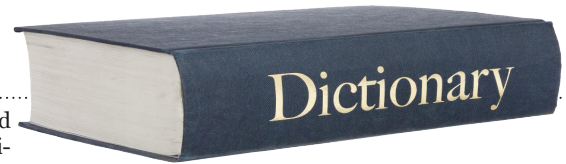
Mishkababel can be frustrating, even dangerous, in a workplace shared by people of different languages.

Ask a foreigner to put a ‘hat’ on your

head, but to him ‘hat’ means ‘hammer.’ Miscommunication breaks down whatever we try to build.

## GLOSSARY

A seemingly nonsensical word like ‘Babble’ actually has meaning! Etymologically associated with the Tower of Babel. The height of confusion, it insinuates or ‘unintelligible’ talk.



## LIFESTYLES: Pillars of Civilization

## Shem: Right is Beautiful!

*On three Pillars does the world stand: Torah, Divine Service, and Acts of Loving Kindness (Avot 1:2).*

Shem has made quite a name for himself as the dean and founder of a great Yeshiva of Patriarchal students that carries his name. A principal link in the golden chain of tradition since Creation, his spiritual presence permeates his dwellings, a model for his People of the Book descendants.

First and foremost, Shem takes the initiative to help when a need arises, earning him fringe benefits. Dedicated to a spiritual life of Divine service, he graciously welcomes the wayfarer with food and blessing.

Although targeted by anti-Semitism, Shem helps victims exposed to ridicule, fulfilling “Kibud Av” and “Malbish Arumim” in a modest manner.

## No Shame?

*Sorry, please  
excuse our  
appearance due  
to circumstances.  
This is no cover  
up— it’s the  
bare truth!*

## Japheth: Beautiful is Right!

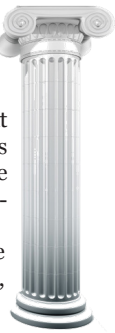
*On three Pillars does the world stand: The Doric Column, the stylized ionic Pillar and the elaborate Corinthian Colonnade.*

Blessed with art, beauty and culture, Japheth’s architecture and sculpture adorn homes, temples and palaces in his native Greece and the Aegean countries. Although not as devout as his brother Shem of Jerusalem, he abides by the Seven Noahide Laws.

Chronologically the oldest of three, Japheth is involved in diverse humanitarian social causes. Japheth remains sober, moral and decent, despite shameless pervers enslaved to their passions.

Unlike sensational muckrakers and voyeurs who gloat over other’s misfortunes, Japheth is sensitive to people’s privacy and dignity. Closing his eyes to other’s faults, he leans over backward to help those in embarrassing situations.

Among Japheth’s noble historic achievements are the Septuagint, a classic Greek translation of the Mosaic code, and construction of the beautiful Temple in Jerusalem.



## ASK THE EXPERT

BY NOAH WASSERMAN, MASTER ARKITECHT, 120 YEARS EXPERIENCE

**Dear Noah,**

*The big flood in our basement feels like our house is afloat. What do you suggest?*

*Lady*

**Dear Lady,**

I wouldn’t call it the biggest flood, I’ve seen worse. But you have a problem, and each situation requires its specific solution. What’s good for one person, may not work for another.

Keep your basement dry with a good sealant, depending on the water pressure. If you’re in hot water, use heavy duty double tar coating, inside

and out. Caution: Sealant has malodorous fumes.

**Dear Noah,**

*Due to circumstances, I have to waterproof my three-month-old baby’s cradle. I don’t want to make waves; I just want my baby to be safe. What do I do?*

*Yocheved Levy, Riverside*

**Dear Yocheved,**

It seems strange to waterproof a cradle, but mother knows best. Do what is best for your child. Tar is really the best sealant, but you shouldn’t expose a young baby to the heavy odor.

Fortunately, you don’t need that much protection in calm water. Use a light mortar coating inside, plus a tar cover outside. Good luck with the baby!

**Dear Noah,**

*We learned in school about your Flood and the rainbow.*

*What does a rainbow look like?*

*Where and when does it appear?*

*They say it is colorful, but none of my classmates ever saw one!*

Dan, to Bearsheba Hezekiah National School System

## OBITUARY

MARCHESHVAN 10—An old-timer whose name is synonymous with longevity, died today.

Methuselah recalled the good old days before society became inundated with crime and violence. He is survived by one grandson and three

great-grandchildren.

To his dying day, Methuselah’s shining countenance radiated a pleasant presence and atmosphere. “He was the sunshine that chased away the gloom and doom,” said one mourner.

Despite a threatening forecast of

heavy rains and thundershowers, Methuselah’s funeral was held under clear blue skies.

The traditional seven day mourning period will be observed, please G-d, at 969 Old Times Way, weather permitting.



## I’M YONA – FLY ME!

GOOD NEWS...THE WEATHER’S NICE AGAIN, SO C’MON OUT AND ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS! I’M AT YOUR SERVICE, I’LL FLY ANYWHERE, ISRAEL AND PARADISE, NO CROWING OR COMPLAINING. AFTER OTHERS’ UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS, YOU’LL WELCOME THE CHANGE!

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the Limit?*

*Reach for  
the Stars!*

**Move Up to Skyview  
Terraces and look  
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