



Daring Raid Frees POWS

**"THANKS A LOT"
SAY SURVIVORS**

BY REPORTER OG PALIT

Highly trained special unit #318 military operations swept in at midnight and freed prisoners of war.

The muddled captives who said "it was the pits" have been reunited with their families, and retrieved their possessions with no strings attached.

As reported by this war correspondent, enemy forces had attacked to crush a tax rebellion.



New Missile Works Wonders

BY CAPTAIN ELIYAHU

Successfully tested in real battle-field conditions during operation "Sandstorm," the unconventional SANDS missile transformed plain granules into lethal weapons.

"Sand costs nothing, but this system is truly worth its weight in gold," said an official who observed how the missile reach their enemy targets.

The Strategic Abrams New Delivery System was first launched now in the Great Lech Lecha War.

But an attempt by a rival developer to launch an identical system with the same components backfired.

Time and Time Again

NACHUM I. GAMZU, *Governmental Affairs Consultant*

Of course, we shouldn't rely only on miracles, for G-d's blessings work best within a natural framework.

But even when we're fully prepared, all set and ready to go, something unexpected can upset our best prepared plans. That's when we need the faith and optimism that things will turn out right. When Abraham's faithful few faced victorious superpowers, Abraham felt humble as dust, but stood his ground.

Money isn't everything. Jewels and gems are temporary; here today, gone tomorrow. But even when all seems lost, we are not empty handed. Even in poverty, we are rich with trust.

In testing times, we draw inspiration from our ancestors' faith. They inspire and direct the ways of their children.



BY ABRAHAM IVRI

Gazing over the horizon, we are awed by the multitude of stars above, and sands below. Unfortunately, astrologists mislead people to worship the stars as gods. No! The same G-d who created the Heavens above, also created the earth below; the stars, sun, moon and planets are all His creations.

Although billions of miles apart, stars and sand share something in common: sheer numbers. Billions of sand particles stagger the mind, as we are dazzled by the myriad stellar galaxies.

Each star is very complex, yet they all harmonize like clockwork, silent testimony to G-d's Omnipotence. Distant stars seem miniscule, yet these tiny points of light are actually immense balls of fiery plasma greater than our sun.

Shifting our focus back to earth, we are amazed by the astronomical quantity of sand as well as its distinct quality. A grain of sand is tiny and insignificant by itself, yet their collective power keeps the mighty oceans at bay, coalescing into a formidable barrier against the tides that saves the earth from erosion.

"United We Sand!"

Sands can also be effective missile warheads. The downtrodden sand keeps a low profile, constantly stepped upon by everyone. But in time, the lowly sands will become stars.



Missing Jewelry

Sands Hotel Jewelry Heist Crooks Hit Paydirt

Thieves emptied a treasure chest full of gold, silver and precious stones at the Sands Hotel, according to Mr. Nachum I. Gamzu.

The emptied treasure chest was then filled with sand, to avoid detection.

Gamzu was delivering the chest to Rome as a gift from the Jewish community. Mr. Gamzu remained confident that all will work out for the good. "Sands great!" he said, "Let's make the best of the situation."

The jewelry was not insured, but Gamzu is personally insured by Divine Trust.

The Sands Hotel owner, Sandy Sandhouse, says he doesn't know who committed the crime, but will continue to dig deeper. "Gamzu's head is in the sand, but as long as he's not worried, why should we?"

"We hope to hear the full story from Gamzu on his return. Hope he didn't have a royal disaster," they said.



**Royals lose to Kings 5-4
Kings lose 4-1 to Sanders**

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- ◆ MYSTERY & ADVENTURE
- ◆ IDEAL FOR ENVOY

- ◆ PRIME PROPERTY
- ◆ FIT FOR A KING
- ◆ GRAND SANDBOX

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Lose weight without realizing it!

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We treat them like our own!
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
The Jews sent Nachum of Gamzu to the King with a precious gift. At night, his hosts emptied his bag and filled it with dirt... When the king saw the 'gift' he wanted to kill the Jews... but Elijah appeared and said, 'Maybe this is Abraham's earth; he threw dirt against the enemy and it became swords.' They tried this earth against an enemy and won. They filled Nachum's bag with Royal jewels. Returning, the innkeepers asked, 'What did you bring to deserve this reward?' He replied, 'I brought them what I took from here.' They razed their inn and took its earth to Rome: 'The wonderous earth was from us!' They tested it and it was not good... --Taanis 21A

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

Let Me Tell You About My Grandparents!

Coffee cups, key chains and bumper stickers are all so eager to tell us about their grandchildren. But few people care to tell us about their grandparents! Unfortunately, many youth disdain their ancestors, dismissing them as backward and old fashioned.

I don't mean to just brag about family, but my grandparents were really exceptional. Actually, I don't claim my grandparents only to myself; our readers will surely note the close resemblance to their grandparents as well.

My grandparents are usually referred to as 'Ancient Biblical characters' and 'Historic figures,' but these fancy terms sound too distant and remote. I prefer a close relationship with my beloved grandparents, so why relegate them to legendary

'once-upon-a-time bubbe maies'? The loving and endearing "Zaidy" and "Bubby" titles sound so much more personal than the Latin 'Patriarch' and 'Matriarch.'

Zaidy and Bubby died long before I was born, but I connect with them through the stories and traditions passed down in our family.

A bright and independent thinker, Zaidy Avraham scored 100% on all his tests!

He did his own research about G-d, the planetary systems and all Creation. People ridiculed and threatened him, but he remained true to his belief. Without receiving any formal Jewish education, Zaidy picked it all up on his own, observing all the Torah and rabbinic laws, including the footnotes.

Active and energetic, he'd rise

early in the morning, say his prayer and get on his way, even when the road ahead was full of obstacles and pitfalls. Nothing could stop him; he came through in fire and water.

Zaidy and Bubby's open home welcomed wayfarers from every side, and all walks of life. They gracefully served food and drink in the most out-of-the-way places, encouraging people to "Bentch" and to recite the Birkat Hamazon after meals. Reaching out in every direction, Zaidy cared even for the wicked and prayed for their Lot.

Bubby and Zaidy enjoyed a great relationship, traveling together like brother and sister. They went through many trials and tribulations, arriving as pioneers in Israel, long before it became a country. An experienced Mohel, Zaidy was a fa-

ther to so many.

Beautiful and consistent year after year after year, Bubby Sarah's Shabbos candles set the whole house aglow; her challah was so fresh and delicious you could eat it all week!

Bubby had a hard life, but she could also laugh. Not everyone appreciated it, she was also criticized for that, but that's an inside joke.

Oh, how she loved children! A single child meant all the world to her. Bubby was nice, but she carefully screened playmates to insure child safety. And when Bubby spoke, Zaidy listened!

May Bubby and Zaidy enjoy much joy and nachas from us all!

Loving Grandson, Yisroel



RELOCATING?

Moving to a new place can cause worry, anxiety & tension. You lose your hometown status, there's financial loss, health risk, and the kids.

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What's in a Name? Fun with Numbers

Fill in the right number for each question below:

How many times was Abraham tested?

How old was Sarah when Isaac was born?

How many days old was Isaac at his Bris?

How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?

Translate the numbers into Hebrew to spell out someone's name!

Calculate the value of Eliezer Troop Unit #318:

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The Torah Times

Name and Address Correction
Change Requestion

PLEASE NOTE: NAME CHANGE
ABRAHAM AND SARAH

TO: ~~ABRAM~~ AND ~~SARAI~~ ABRAMS

~~CHARAN~~ MOVED TO CANAAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I don't mean to be a name-dropper, but I once used to be affiliated with a very important person.

Unfortunately, I was replaced by someone half my worth. Is it my small size? What happened to "Dos Pintele Yid"? Please, I pray, do not cast me away in old age!

A. Yud

Dear Yud,

Very good point! You have been transferred to a prestigious leadership forefront position, rather than tagging along at the end.

May G-d grant you the strength not to be misled by evil leadership, and save you from their bad plots.

Dear Editor,

Help! We're off on a group tour, and I'm very worried about my co-travelers' plans.

Hosea

Dear Hosea,

Here's a little something to start you off right; may G-d save you from their evil plans.

Dear Editor,

I recently moved to a new place, and I'm trying to re-establish my sense of identity.

I stay with an elderly couple, and joined a group with a prestigious name.

The husband and wife are childless, so they've adopted me, taken me in, and made me feel part of them. But looking around at the others in my

group, I notice that almost all of them are fully pronounced and highly articulate consonants, while I am only a soft spoken vowel. Barely audible, it's difficult to hear me above the others.

I hardly contribute anything to the conversation and seem to make no difference, so I wonder if I serve any purpose. I can almost hear the others pointing at me, "Hey! What are you doing here? Ha-ha, you're worthless!" H.

Dear H.,

Your initial may stand for Humble, but you are actually an integral part of the Divine Name that created the world.

Your numerical equivalence also completes the members of the human body, corresponding to all 248 positive commandments of the holy Torah.

Ha-ha on them! Your soft touch actually broadens the meaning and mission of your group. Instead of being singular, possessive and parochial, your presence expresses a broader, inclusive, universal and encompassing message in the true Abraham and Sarah tradition.

In your quiet way, you send a divine subliminal message to everyone and everything, you name it.

You find it difficult, but to quote the great Mishna sage Ben Hay Hay: "The gain is proportionate to the pain" (Avot 5:21).

Best wishes to you, to the elderly couple hosting you, and to their whole mishpacha!