



# The Children's Torah Times

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Join Hannah, Max, Mrs. Noah and many of their friends as they explore The Torah and the awesome stories and lessons waiting to be found.

## Part 1 At The Mountain

Last week Hannah and Moogy searched for Max and Cecil, who were lost in the crowds at Mt. Horev. Finally, in a basket of blue yarn, they found Max. They discovered that Max was hiding because Cecil had fallen out of his pocket – and he was afraid to tell Hannah he couldn't find him.

Hannah was worried that a little mouse, lost among a bunch of people – people that **DID NOT LIKE MICE** – was in trouble! **“Where should we look!”** she said frantically.

Just then, Moogy, still perched on Hannah's shoulder, shouted, **“Max, there's Dodi, your friend from Egypt!”**

Max waved to get his attention. Dodi was carrying a pile of skins toward the area where they were making one of the tents for covering the Tabernacle. He turned and smiled when he saw Max. Then he started walking quickly toward them.

**“Have you seen a mouse?”** Max hollered.

**“A little grey one?”** Dodi replied.

Max was excited. **“Yeah! Have you seen him?”**



*Just then they heard a scream. “I’ll bet he’s over there in the animal skin area again. He’s been scaring a lot of the women,” Dodi told them.*

*They all ran toward the big tent full of animal skins. Several women were screaming as they stood near a table where they were sewing the skins together. Dodi saw Cecil as he slid behind some baskets and under a table piled high with tanned ram skins. A man heard the women’s screams and chased after Cecil as he scampered out of the big tent and over to another one.*



*“Why is he running away? Didn’t he see us?” Max panted as he ran with the others, trying to catch the little mouse.*

*“You go that way, and I’ll go around the back,” Dodi told Max. “Hannah, you stay here so at least ONE of us will spot him!”*

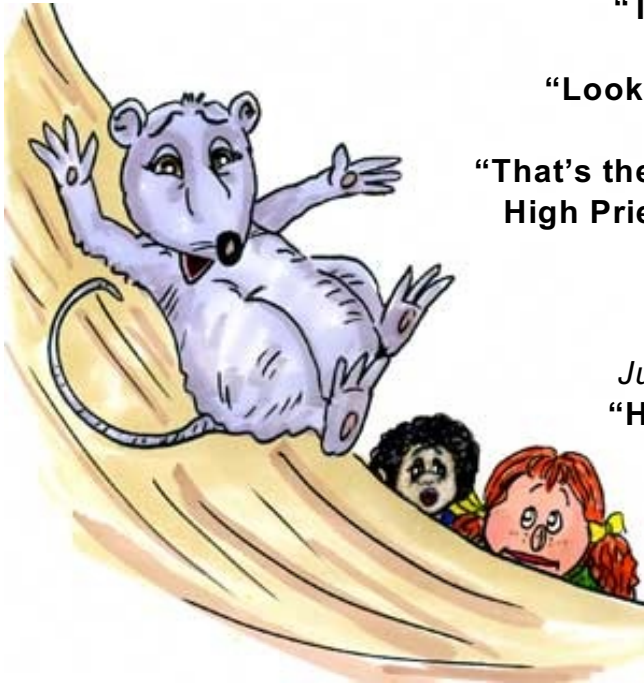
*But, Hannah walked slowly around to the front of the big tent and peeked in where they were finishing the goat hair tent that would be a covering for the Tabernacle. She knew that there were 3 layers of materials – one of goat hair, another of ram skins dyed red, and, over that, a covering of fine leather made from sea cows (whatever they are). [Ex 36:14&19]*

*Dodi came around the corner. “He ran that way – over toward where they are making the priestly garments!” So off they went, past the tent that smelled so good, to several tents filled with beautiful fabric. But, no sign of Cecil there. Then they wandered around looking – AND listening – for clues to help them find the lost little mouse. [Ex 39:1-]*

*In one of the tents, they saw the breastplate that the High Priest would wear. “Look, they’ve made thin sheets of gold and slit them to make threads,” Hannah whispered. “They’re weaving them into a design.”*

**“Look. They’re also weaving the blue thread with the red and making purple. What are they making – a coat?”** *Max asked.*

**“It’s called an ephod. It goes over a white tunic – like a real long shirt,”** *Moogy told them. [Ex 39:2-7]*



**“The colors are beautiful!”** *Hannah noted.*

**“Look over there,”** *Max said. “What is that?”*

**“That’s the breastplate for Aharon. He will be the High Priest. See the beautiful stones? There is one for each of the 12 tribes of Isra’el,”** *Moogy said. [Ex 39:8-21]*

*Just then she saw Max running toward her. “He’s up on top of the tent!” he called out. Hannah looked up just in time to see Cecil sliding right down the tent toward her! She jumped over a tent peg, reached out and grabbed him right before he hit the ground!*

**“Is ‘bout time!”** *Cecil snarled as he glared at Hannah. “Where hab jue you been? I tought I wad gonna die here!”*

*Hannah was stunned. “How about a ‘thank you Hannah for saving me’?” she strongly suggested.*

**“Hannah! Look,”** *Dodi exclaimed. “Moshe is going from tent to tent – checking each of the items for the Tabernacle.” [Ex 30:42&43]*

**“Well, they’ve been working on it for a long time – maybe it’s almost ready?”** *Hannah answered, as she dropped the little mouse back on the ground.*

**“We’d better go back to see Mrs. Noah,”** *Moogy told them.*

**“OK. See you later, Dodi,”** *Max said. “Close your eyes, Cecil, and remember Mrs. Noah and home.” (They didn’t want to leave Cecil behind!)*

## Part 2 Back at Mrs. Noah's

**"Oh, my!" Mrs. Noah exclaimed. "You startled me. But, you're just in time. I was about to start putting together all of items to build a new model of the Tabernacle. Hmm, I see you found Cecil."**



**Cecil lashed out. "Didja see all da gold an neat stuff all dose dumb people jus GAVE ta Moshee!"**

**"They were offerings for YHWH, Cecil. And only those with a willing heart COULD give. Yah didn't want anything from those who weren't excited about giving,"**

**Moogy told him. [Ex 35:5- , Ex 35:21&22]**

**"It was amazing to see how they all gave much to build the Tabernacle," Hannah said, as she started helping Mrs. Noah put the Tabernacle model together.**

**"They all worked so diligently. They would have worked 7 days a week, if YHWH hadn't told them they'd better remember the Sabbath day," Mrs. Noah added. [Ex 35:2&3]**

**"Do you think it made YHWH feel better to see them all working together, so hard – to make a place for Him to live with them?" Max asked, working hard to help, and still feeling guilty for ruining the first model they had started.**

**"I wonder what would happen if EVERYONE today worked like that," Hannah said, as she finished painting the curtains to the Holy of Holies. "If everyday, people looked for ways to build a friendship with YHWH," she pondered out loud.**

**Then Max remembered. "Hey. Didn't somebody promise that anyone who was hungry and thirsty for what's right would get a free meal?"**

**"You're close. Yeshua said, 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled,' " Miss B told him. [Matt 5:6]**



*Then she picked up one of the curtains to give to Hannah for the wall around the courtyard.*

*Max began painting the matchbox that was to represent the Tabernacle – being careful not to mess up the curtains Hannah had painted.*

**“That’s a big word. Jus’ what’s rie-ches-ness?”**  
*Max asked.*

**“It means doing what is right. Yah wants us to do right, which is to follow His teachings and to treat each other fairly,”** *Moogy said.*

**“I think that’s why people read and study the Bible. They’re hungry and thirsty to know more about this God, who is very REAL. So they look for clues on how to learn to be friends with Him, like Moshe did,”** *Mrs. Noah told them.* **“They want to understand and follow the instructions He gave to the whole world at Mt. Sinai.”**

*Max dripped some of the gold paint he was using, grabbed a paper towel and tried to wipe it off his shirt.* **“Like the Isra’elites FINALLY decided to do? They got busy and worked really hard on the Tabernacle so Yah would come and live with them,”** *he said.*

**“Watz da big deo. Dhey couldn’t keep all dose waws anyway,”** *Cecil grunted,* **“dey jus caused watz o twobble.”**

**“Hmm. Do you know how many times in the Scriptures, the guidance and instructions – the Torah given at Mt. Sinai – is called wonderful, perfect, and greatly loved?”** *Mrs. Noah asked.*





**"That's right. Even King David wrote a lot of songs about how much he loved YHWH's teachings," Miss B added.**  
*[ Psm 119:97, 103, 105, 113, 117 -]*

**"Oh, yeah? Wats bout jue Je-zus? Wat HE say bout dis ole waw?"**  
*Cecil snapped back.*

*Mrs. Noah looked at the doubtful little mouse. "Cecil, Jesus IS Yeshua. He is the One Who said we would be blessed if we hunger and thirst ... but, let's look and see what He said about 'The Law'," she said, as she opened the big Bible on the table. "Here is one*

*place in the book of Matthew – Yeshua says, 'Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.'" [ Matt 5:19&20 ]*

**"I dun't teach nutten," Cecil mumbled.**

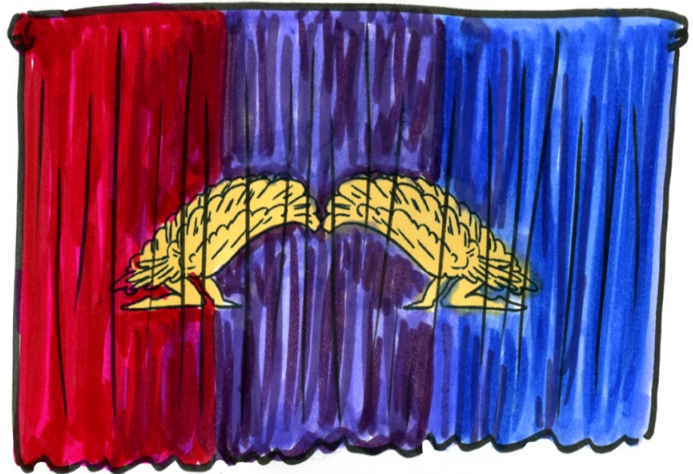
**"Dummy!" Max muttered. "We all 'teach' somethin' by what we DO!"**

**"That's correct, Max. We are all an example – of light or darkness," Mrs. Noah said thoughtfully.**

**"I just thought of something," Hannah changed the subject as she was looking at the curtains for the Tabernacle. "It's about the colors of the curtains. Yah wanted them to use Blue, Scarlet, and Purple. I think I heard that they took the Blue and wove it with the Scarlet - Red - and it made Purple! Isn't that cool?" [Ex 36:8]**

**"Doesn't the color Blue mean, or stand for, heaven? And Scarlet/Red stands for blood – or mankind? Then, lending them together – makes the color Purple – which stands for Royalty? That's Messiah Yeshua!" Miss B was excited that she had figured that out.**

**"I think that YHWH wants us to 'blend' like the colors in the curtains. If we know Him, and think like Him, that's the Blue. If we are humans – people – and follow what other people do – that is Red. If we put the Blue in with the Red, then we are Purple! We have Him, his teachings, woven into US!" Mrs. Noah told them.**



**"How do we know WHO is Purple?" Max asked.**

**"I know He wants us to love each other. He taught that from Adam and Havah," Hannah said. "Aren't the last 5 commandments about loving other people?" she wondered.**

**"Yes, but the Scriptures say Yeshua gave a new commandment. He told people love each other. He said that's how we would know who is following Him, if they love one another," Miss B said. [John 13:34 ]**

**"The reason He gave that as a sign, is because He knew that a time would come when the people would love themselves more than others," Mrs. Noah told them.**

**"So, in working together to build the Tabernacle, the Israel'ites were not only learning to love Yah, but also each other," Hannah realized.**

**"Hey, getting back to Mt. Sinai," Moogy said, as he read more. "It says that after Moshe checked everything, he put the 2 stone tablets with the Commandments into the Ark they had made." [Ex 40:20-]**

**"Yeah. Then he attached the poles to carry it, covered it, and they put it into the Tabernacle," Max read. [Ex 40:21-]**

**"Moshe put all of the things they made into the Tabernacle and made offerings to YHWH," Moogy read on. [Ex 40:18-29]**

**"After they set up the courtyard, and the curtain covering the entrance, it was all DONE," Max announced. [Ex 40:33]**



**“Wow!” Hannah exclaimed. “Look what happened then! Yah actually came to live there! Want to go see, Max?”**

**“Aah -ahh - ahhh,” Max stuttered.**

*But it was too late. His imagination was already thinking about the Mountain, and how scary it was. So off they went.*

### **Part 3 Back at The Mountain**

**“Look, Hannah. Moshe has just put up the curtain to cover the entrance. It’s all done,” Max told her. [Ex 40:33]**

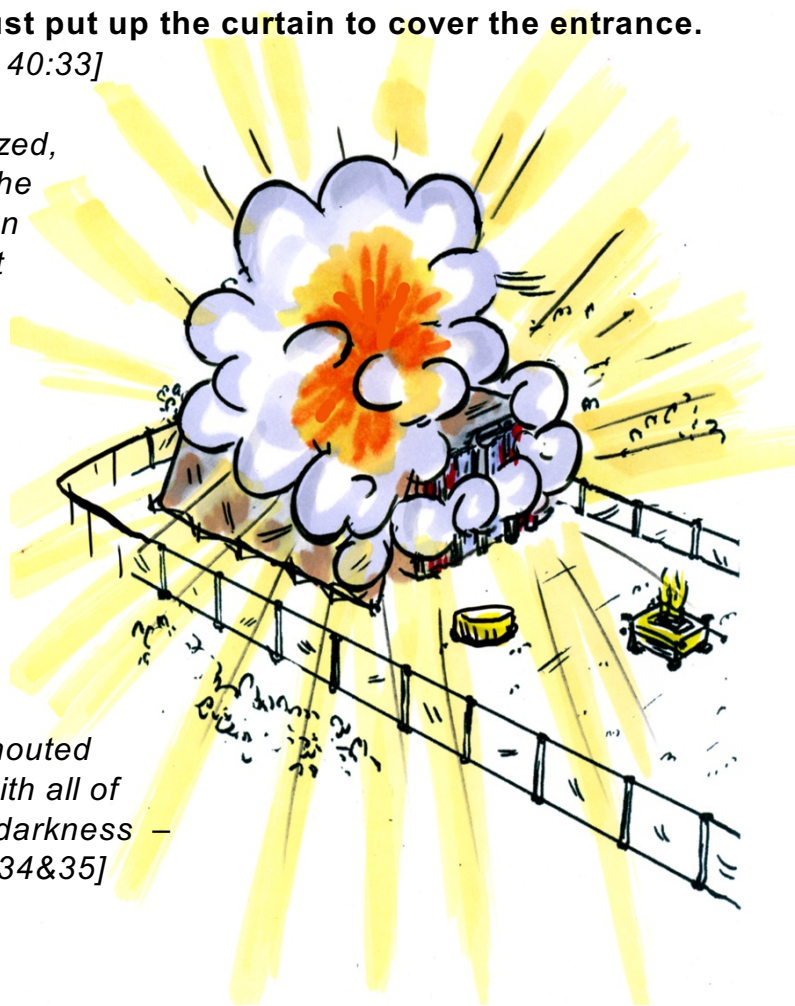
*Just then they all watched, amazed, as the cloud that was covering the LORD came down and settled on the tent of meeting, and the light of YHWH filled the tabernacle.*

**“Wow! The cloud is so thick! AND, something glowing inside has filled the whole Tabernacle! Moshe can’t even go in!” Max cried. Then, before Hannah could stop him, he disappeared – again!**

**“Max! That’s the presence of YHWH – His glory,” Hannah shouted after him. But, she was alone with all of the people of Israel, as – in the darkness – the cloud filled with fire! [Ex 40:34&35]**

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They are looking for the Aviv barley in Israel this week (as the TORAH instructed). After they find it, the next new moon – Will be the NEW YEAR and we will begin our countdown to all of the Appointed Times YHWH told us to set apart to meet with Him. [ Deut 16:1 ]





Can you draw a line from the clues about this set apart day?

<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Clue to the day</u>
1. Sabbath	Yeast grows like sin
2. Pesach – Passover	Sound an alarm
3. Days of Unleavened Bread	Remember 7 <sup>th</sup> Day rest
4. First Fruits (In the land)	Lambs blood saved 1 <sup>st</sup> born from death
5. Shavuot – Pentecost (Count 50)	Day Yahu'wah wrote Commandments – (1 <sup>st</sup> on stone, then on hearts)
6. Yom Teruah – (Blowing of Trumpets)	Give offering then start counting 50
7. Yom Kippur (Atonement)	Remember 40 years in wilderness - rejoice
8. Sukkot (Tabernacles)	Holy day after 7 days of rejoicing and offerings
9. Sukkot 8 <sup>th</sup> day	Fast – no food, no water



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