



## Word of the Month

As we've said in the past (no doubt, more than once), Shabbat M'vorchim Marcheshvan is ALWAYS Shabbat B'reishit. **No other month is 'benched' on the Shabbat of one specific sedra.** Case in point (whatever that means). We bench Rosh Chodesh Kislev, this year, on Tol'dot. That happens almost 32% of years - when Rosh HaShana is Thursday (and Friday). The other 68+% of years, we bench Rosh Chodesh Kislev on Chayei Sara. **Other months have their own proportions. We'll report on them some other time.** MazalPic - the stylized M is the symbol for Scorpio, mazal of Marcheshvan. MazalPics have been cryptic riddles for years. So too for this Marcheshvan B'reishit. **תיקו בית דאר**

TEIKU is a gemara term that has been borrowed by modern Israeli society to mean a tie score in a sports game. BEIT DO'AR is a post office. **This gives us SCORE-P.O.**





Upper-left: 400 silver pieces that Avraham handed over to... ◦ EFRON (pencil = IPARON, heteronym of EFRON) ◦ Pencil sharpener is a M'CHADEID, to sharpen = L'CHADEID, one of Yishmael's sons, CHADAD ◦ V'LIVKOTAH is written with a small KAF - a small kaf (spoon) ◦ G-d blessed Avraham BAKOL. One opinion is that this blessing included a precious gem that had miraculous curative powers (footer icon too) ◦ Speech-bubble with a chain in it, standing for VAYOMAR, and he (Eliezer) said, which is read with the SHALSHELET (chain) note ◦ BARUCH HASHEM was said by Eliezer (Others in Chumash who said B"H are No'ach and Yitro. Lavan got close, with B'RUCH HASHEM. So did Avimelech to Yitzchak) ◦ One of the gold rings Eliezer gave to Rivka ◦ The Xed out turkey platter is Eliezer's refusal to eat before he had completed "business" ◦ Good thing, too, because Lavan had poisoned the food (poison symbol) ◦ CHUPA is for Yitzchak's marriage to Rivka (also Avraham's to Ketura) ◦ Gift for Rivka and her family, as well as the gifts Avraham gave to the children of Ketura - and play-on-words, gift is a MINCHA, the davening of which is attributed to Yitzchak, end of the sedra ◦ The word TEREM appears eight times in the Torah, twice in Chayei Sara. That's the logo of Terem ◦ Above the Terem logo is the logo of MASA, an Israeli

non-profit organization that enables thousands of Jewish youth to spend a semester or a year in Israel in any of over 160 programs, helping them build a life-long relationship with Israel and a firm commitment to Jewish life. MASA is also one of the sons of Yishmael. Different spelling, but very close in sound ◦ NEVIOT water is for the sound-alike of the first born of Yishma'el ◦ Another son of Yishmael was KEIDAR, spelled the same and sounding similar to KADAR, which is a potter - Harry Potter ◦ The army insignia (near the Terem logo) is a chevron. Pronounce the CH as in Chanuka - Chevron ◦ There are two dots forming a SH'VA - this is a sound-alike for a grandson of Avraham's via Ketura ◦ L and a kite. Kite is also a raptor (predatory bird) in the same biological family as eagles and hawks. Kite in Hebrew is probably the DA'A, listed as a non-kosher bird. ELDA'A was a son of MIDYAN, born to KETURA from Avraham ◦ The animals are mentioned in the haftara - In modern Hebrew, a M'RI is a buffalo (bison? or maybe water buffalo). Likely that the haftara is referring to a different member of the bovine family or a description of a bull or cow ◦ The question-marked chair is from the haftara - who will sit on David's throne after his death? ◦ The arrow is from CHAVILA to SHOR ◦ The badge is Agent 99's of Control. She was a SOCHENET, a term describing Avishag in the haftara ◦ Top-right is Charlie the tuna - he stands for Y'TUR NAFISH whose name sounds like "your tuna fish" ◦ Lower-right is Me'arat HaMachpeila ◦ Above it are the 400 shekels that Avraham paid

to Efron for the field and the cave and surroundings  
◉ Water with an eye is EIN HAMAYIM  
◉ L'TUSHIM (markers)  
◉ Logo of Laline - sounds like LALIN, (place) to sleep  
◉ Lauren Bacall = BAKOL  
◉ Willie's number 24 is for KAD, pitcher (he wasn't, he was CF) mentioned repeatedly in the sedra  
◉ upper-right, rectangle filled with white for LAVAN  
t to the right of Harry Potter is a can of TAB, but it's mirror image and reads BAT. Then there is a picture of a bat (the only flying mammal), followed by 5 baseball bats. All together we get BAT-SHEVA, from the haftara  
◉ V'HINEI is standing on the GIMALIM which is on the AYIN (see 24:30)