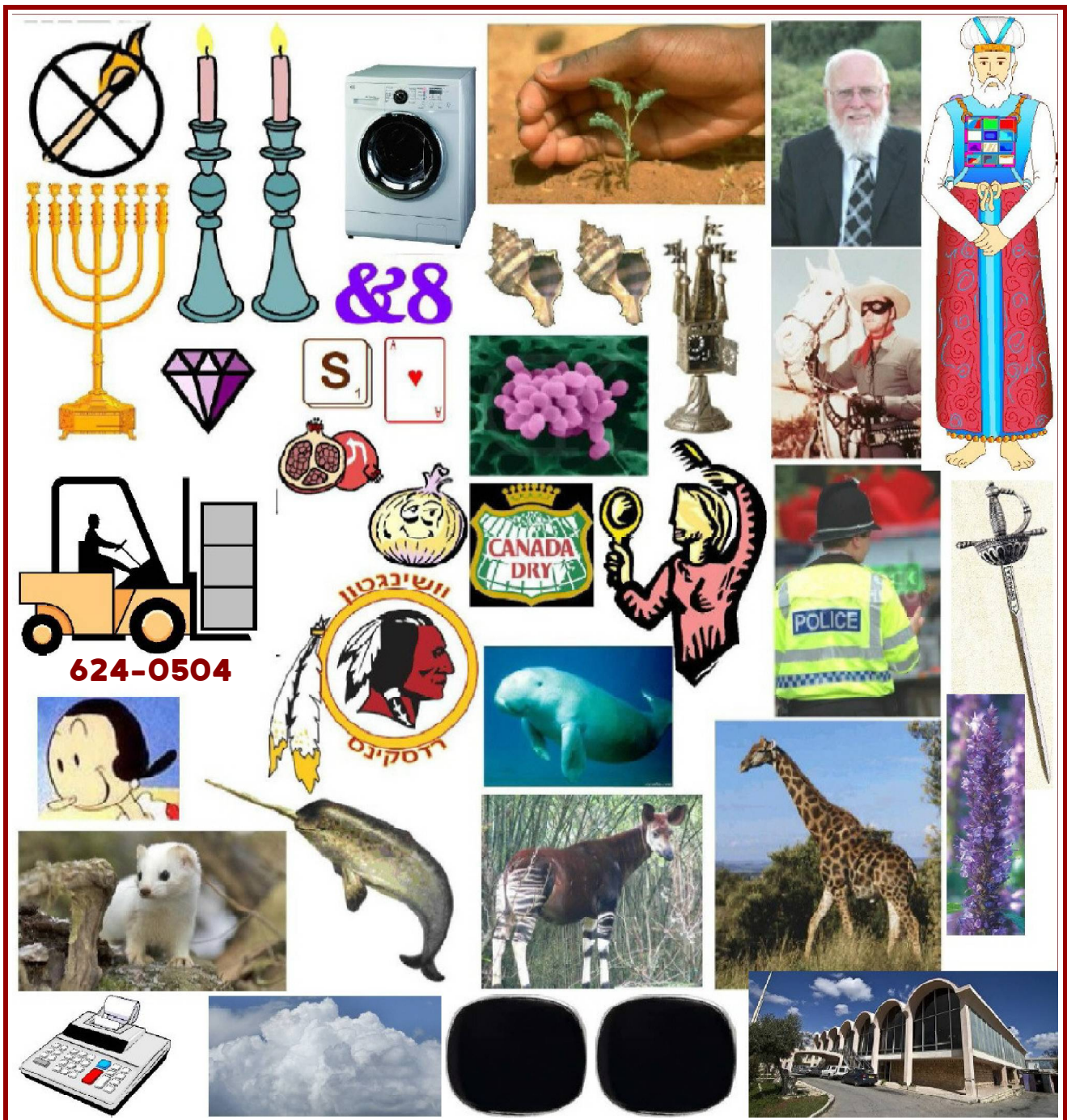


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Word of the Month

We bench Rosh Chodesh Nisan this Shabbat (Vayakhel-P'kudei - Para, March 9th). Rosh Chodesh will be the following Shabbat (Vayikra-R"Ch-HaChodesh, March 17th).

One day, because the Adar that precedes Nisan always has 29 days.

ראש חודש ניסן יהיה ביום שבת קודש הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה:

The molad is on Shabbat 3h 53m 4p • 3:32am Israel time • ז'ט:תתקנח

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Astronomical (actual) molad (New Moon) - Shabbat (Mar 17) 3:11pm





This week's Pix has elements from Vayakheil, P'kudei, and Para (as you might imagine) • Many are obvious; some need explanations • negated struck match goes together with the Shabbat candles to make the point that although we may not kindle fire on Shabbat, we also must provide light for a pleasant Shabbat atmosphere. And the Menora in the Beit HaMikdash was kindled on Shabbat • ET, EIT, ES, EIS - check out the beginning of Vayakhel, specifically p'sukim 35:11-19. A BK's (Baal Korei or Baal K'ri'a) nightmare • sapling reminds us of Yaakov's forethought in planting trees for his descendants to have wood for the Mishkan • various animals are possible identity of the TACHASH (based on R' Aryeh Kaplan's Living Torah) • (Rabbi Sholom) Gold • Silver (and the Lone Ranger) • Copper (nickname of British policemen) • Olive Oyl (Popeye's friend) for Olive Oil • Batzal (onion) and (ginger) ale combine to Betzaleil • sword mentioned in Para • so too the hyssop plant (in Hebrew, EIZOV and in Arabic, Zahtar) • copper mirrors • hotel in lower-right is location (roughly) of place where Para Aduma was prepared (Har HaZeitim opposite Har HaBayit) • possible sources of the three dyes (Murex Trunculus twice because its secretion can produce

T'cheilet or Argaman dye, depending upon exposure to light and oxygen) and the Shani insects • Cloud covering the Mishkan • gemstones for the CHOSHEN • pomegranate for the pompoms on the hem of the ME'IL of the Kohen Gadol • Forklift truck for the heavy carrying to load the wagons when the Mishkan was traveling • calculator for the totals of the donations of materials • Logo of Washington Redskins (politically incorrect name of NFL team) for the red-dyed sheepskin cover of the Mishkan • B'samim box for the spices used in the anointing oil and ketoret • large onyx stones (bottom) for the shoulders straps of the Eifod • Kohein Gadol (figure that one out for yourselves) • one Unexplained