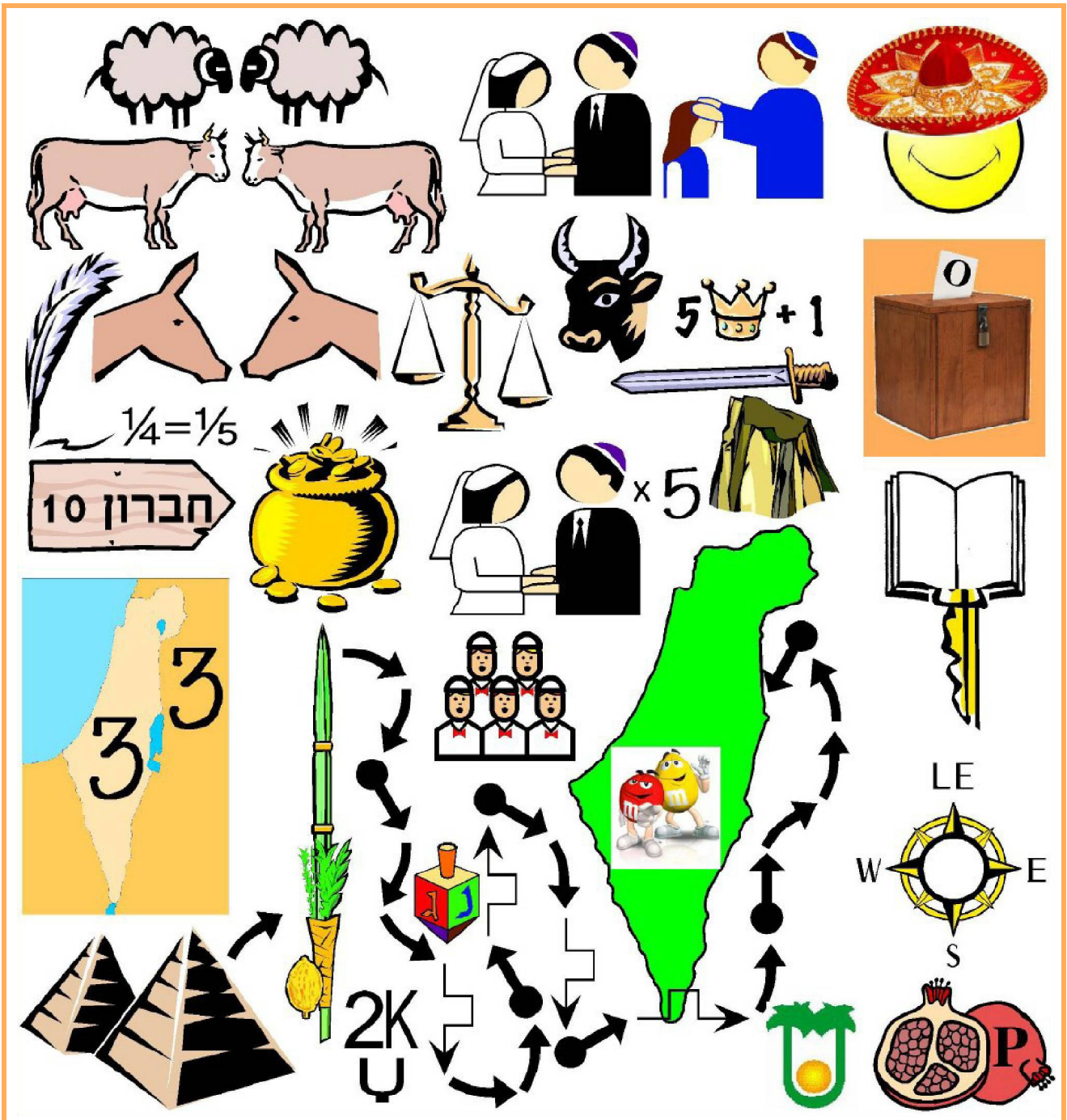


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Word of the Month

Common minhag is to wait with Kiddush L'vana of Tishrei, until after Yom Kippur, of Sivan, until after Shavuot, and of Av, until after Tish'a b'Av. On the other hand, Minhag Yerushalayim (based on the shitot of the Vilna Gaon) is not to delay KL (unless first op is Leil Shabbat) at all. Therefore, those that follow the GR"A on this, will always try for KL at the first OP - which is after three full days (72 hrs) from the announced molad (which is based on average calculation, rather than actual/astronomic new moon). The molad this month is on Friday (R"Ch, July 13) morning. Count three days - Shabbat, Sunday, Monday morning, which means first op is Monday evening, July 16th.





Father/daughter - see them? He's giving her a bracha, but in the context of Parshat Matot, he (the father) has the power to annul her vows (on the day he hears of them). This applies to a daughter of a specific age - see Sedra Summary for details ♪ Husband/wife. This is the other pair that is involved in HAFARAT NEDARIM (not HATARAT) There is a significant difference between the husband's setting aside his wife's vow and a father's setting aside his daughter's vow. Again, see Sedra Summary for details ♪ 5 crowns + one with a sword under them refers to the five kings of Midyan - EVI, REKEM, TZUR, CHUR, REVA - and Bil'am who saw their end during the battle against Midyan - by the sword ♪ Face-to-face sheep, cows, donkeys represent the even split of the spoils of war from Midyan, between the army and the people. This is an indicator of the debt of gratitude we owe our soldiers for protecting us and for fighting for us. It was so then and it is so today vis-a-vis TZAHAL, the police, and security personnel ♪ Pot of gold refers to the contribution of the officers of the battle in thanks to G-d for the zero casualty rate among them ♪ Pyramids, the ma`ny arrows, and the outline of Israel, of course, stand for the travels of the people from Exodus to Eretz Yisrael... ♪ Lulav for SUKKOT - first location out of

Egypt ♪ logo of YOTVATA dairy company, stands for the place of encampment of the same name ♪ the choir for is for MAK-HEILATA, another encampment ♪ dreidel is for CHASH-MONA - which not only sounds like Chanuka's Chashmona'im, but it was the 25th place of encampment (Depending upon how you count them), as in CHANU-KAF-HEI ♪ Pomegranate with P for Rimon Peretz, another place of encampment ♪ The quill refers to the Torah's statement that Moshe wrote down the travelog of Bnei Yisrael ♪ The map above the Pyramids with a big 3 on each side of the Jordan River refers to the Cities of Refuge to be designated in Eretz Yisrael ♪ The scales of justice are for the careful attention that the courts must pay in cases of homicide (the example from this week's sedra) in determining culpability of the guilty party ♪ The road sign to Hebron is one of the requirements for Cities of Refuge (of which Hebron is one). Roads to them must be well-marked to facilitate the escape to them of one who committed a homicide, regardless of the level of his culpability ♪ Cow with the horns stands for the rare (this once only) occurrence of the TROP called KARNEI PARA ♪ Big rock under the sword is TZUR, the name of one of the Midyanite kings ♪ The mathematically incorrect statement, that a quarter is equal to a fifth. A quarter is REVA, one of the five kings (1/5) killed in the Midyanite battle. ♪ Another Chatan-Kalla, this times they are with a "x5", representing the daughters of Tz'lofchad who marry distant cousins to solve the "land going from one tribe to another tribe"

problem † 2K over the U with a little attachment is a partner of the cow with the horns. ALPAYIM (2K=2000) BA'AMA from Bamidbar 35:5 is the phrase with the rarest TROP marks - YERECH BEN YOMO under ALPAYIM and KARNEI PARA over the word BA'AMA † The M&Ms in the map of Israel (no significance in their being there specifically - it was just a convenient place to put them) are for MATOT-MAS'EI, which, when read together - as they are most often - are affectionately referred to as M&M † Top-right: The Smiley is wearing a Mexican sombrero, which is covering his eyes - leaving only the smile. So we are looking for the word smile in Spanish, which is RISA, a sound alike (or a sound the same) as the place of encampment known as RISA † Below Risa is a ballot box with a slip of paper with the letter O on it, on its way into the box. That, then, is an O-VOTE, as in the place called OVOT † below that comes a book-key as in the tribal leader of Dan, BUKI b. YOGLI. (The DAGESH CHAZAK in the KUF allows the word to be broken into BUK and KI or BOOK and KEY) † Finally, we have a compass with the North being designated by the letters LE rather than N. This gives us ELITZAFAN (close to TZAFON) ben PARNACH, the Nasi of Zevulun