



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

BEREISHIT: ROUND AND ROUND!

BEREISHIT MEANS 'IN THE BEGINNING'!



SUPER SARCASM!

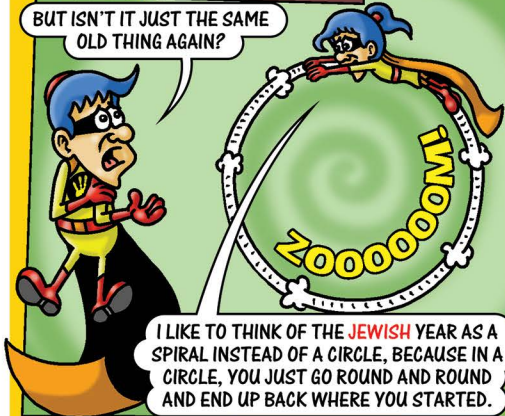
NO WAY! STARTING AT THE START? SHOCKER!

IT'S NOT JUST THE TORAH READING STARTING AGAIN. WE HAVE A WHOLE SEASON OF BEGINNINGS, STARTING WITH THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, AND THEN, OF COURSE, ROSH HASHANAH!



I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR; LEARNING WITH MY FRIENDS, AND LEARNING FROM MY TEACHERS. BUT I COULD DEFINITELY DO WITHOUT THE HOMEWORK!

BUT ISN'T IT JUST THE SAME OLD THING AGAIN?



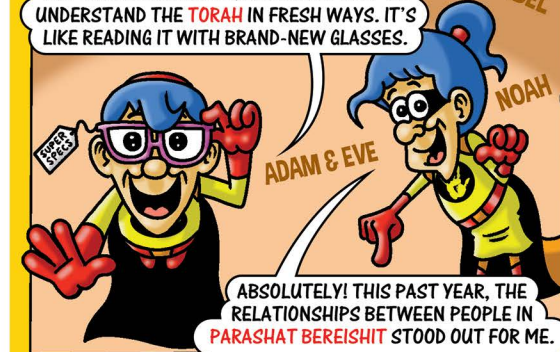
I LIKE TO THINK OF THE JEWISH YEAR AS A SPIRAL INSTEAD OF A CIRCLE, BECAUSE IN A CIRCLE, YOU JUST GO ROUND AND ROUND AND END UP BACK WHERE YOU STARTED.

BUT IN A SPIRAL, YOU COME BACK TO THE SAME SPOT - ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL!



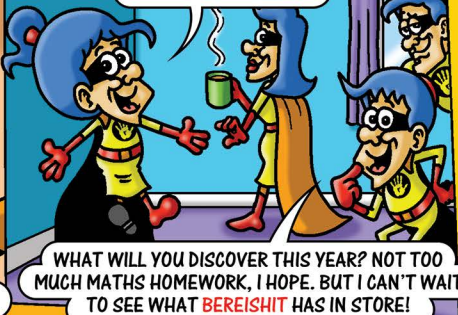
EACH YEAR WE'VE GROWN - NOT JUST OLDER, BUT WISER! OUR NEW EXPERIENCES HELP US UNDERSTAND THE TORAH IN FRESH WAYS. IT'S LIKE READING IT WITH BRAND-NEW GLASSES.

CAIN & ABEL



ABSOLUTELY! THIS PAST YEAR, THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE IN PARASHAT BEREISHIT STOOD OUT FOR ME.

FAMILIES IN THE TORAH AREN'T PERFECT (JUST LIKE OURS), BUT THROUGH LOVE, LOYALTY AND EVEN STRUGGLES, WE LEARN TO CONNECT TO EACH OTHER AND GOD.



WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER THIS YEAR? NOT TOO MUCH MATHS HOMEWORK, I HOPE. BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT BEREISHIT HAS IN STORE!

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