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Finally — a great alternative to body scanners at airports.

The Israelis are developing an airport security device that will eliminate the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners at the airports.

It's a booth you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have on you.

They see this as a win-win for everyone, with none of this difficulty about racial profiling. It also would eliminate the costs of a long and expensive trial. Justice would be swift. Case closed.

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SON OF THE COVENANT

בר מצוה BAR MITZVAH

Rabbi Shmuel Wolkenfeld



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What is a Bar Mitzvah?

בֶּר מִצְוָה

son בֶּר

(religion) commandment, מִצְוָה
precept; decree, edict; good
deed, act of kindness

בָּרוּךְ שֶׁפְּטָרָנִי מֵעֲנֹשׁוֹ שְׁלָזָה.

*Ba-rukhh sheh-p'ta-ra-nee
may-an-sho sheh-lah-zeh.*

Blessed is He Who has released
me from full responsibility
for the character and deeds of
my son.

Yermiyahu 31.31-33 “Listen! the days are coming,” says ADONI, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra’el and with the house of Y’hudah...“For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra’el after those days,” says ADONI: “I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts;

Yermiyahu 31.31-33 I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know ADONI'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

The covenant is expressed in the Torah teachings and commandments.

Son of the Commandments =

[Bar Mitzvah]

Son of the Covenant

Last Shabbat, some particular commandments of adulthood.

- Handling conflicts in love.
- Handling opposition and hate.
- Listening, learning, and leading.

This week, what IS the covenant identity?

Last Shabbat, some things a
Bar/Bat Mitzvah person does.

This Shabbat, what a Bar/Bat
Mitzvah person IS.

**So, it's a big step, entering into
covenantal identity.**

God meets us at transition points, so we have ceremonies.

- Birth: Brit Milah/circumcision
- Puberty: Bar Mitzvah
- Marriage: Ceremony
- Death: Funeral

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה בְּבֹאֲךָ; וּבְרוּךְ אַתָּה בְּצֵאתְךָ

Barukh atah b'voekha, barukh atah btseitkha

Dt. 28.6 “A blessing on you when
you go out, and a blessing on you
when you come in.”

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Ro 3.1-2 Then what advantage has the Jew? What is the value of being circumcised? Much in every way! In the first place, the Jews were entrusted with the very words of God.

Circumcision = covenantal identity

- Shaul/ Paul is NOT saying, "What is the value of the surgical procedure of circumcision?"
 - Shaul/ Paul IS saying, "What is the central value of covenantal identity."
- “Ro 3.2 The Jews were entrusted with the very words of God.”

- Greek culture centered on science and sports.
- Roman culture...conquest
- Assyrian...cruelty.
- Phoenician...trade
- Egyptian...afterlife

“Ro. 3.2 The Jews were entrusted with the very words of God.”

Jewish culture was centered on literacy. Learning to read and write scripture was our **MOST** important national task and value.

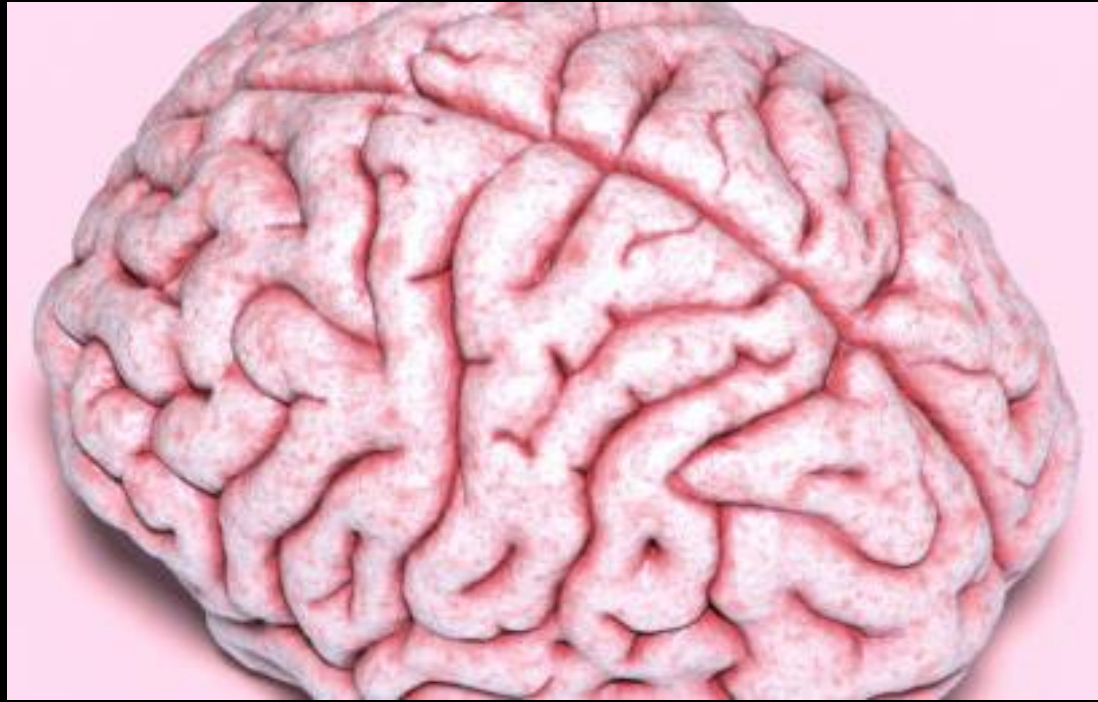
So, Jewish = Israelite people
preeminently taught their sons
and daughters literacy.

Two main advantages.

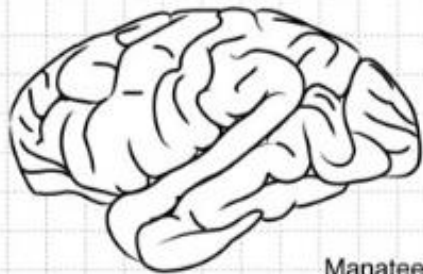
1. Literacy was in the Hebrew
scriptures, so in the knowledge
and wisdom of G-d

2. Literacy in scripture made a later practice of literacy in other fields easier: law, medicine, science.

It is thought
that neural
function
happens on
the surface of
the brain.



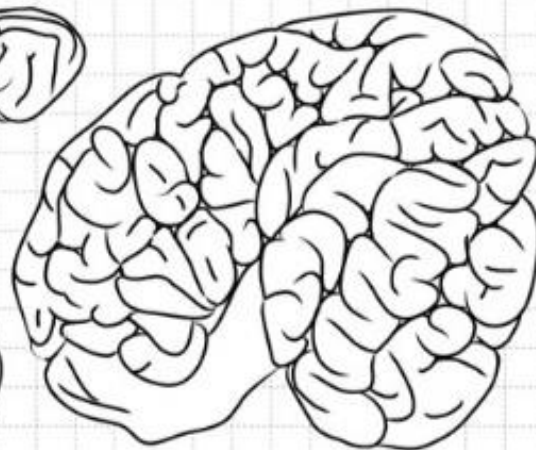
Chimpanzee



Cat



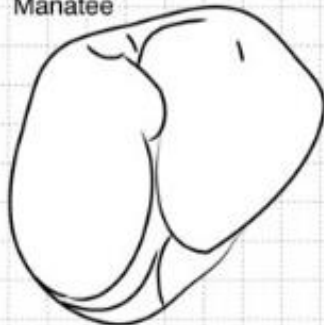
African Elephant



Shrew



Manatee



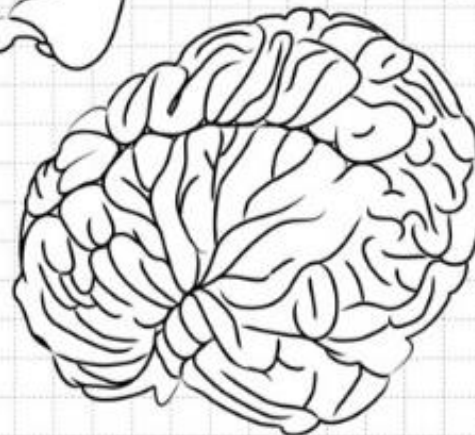
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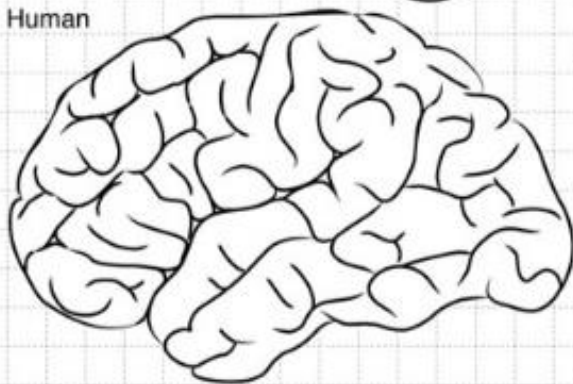
Grey Squirrel



Bottlenose Dolphin



Human



Rat



Mouse



1 cm

Epigenetics help offspring of studious, brain wrinkled people; tend to be also studious and learned.

THAT is why Jews appear to be rich, and win so many Nobel prizes.

Nobel statistics: 22 per cent of winners have been Jewish, despite our people comprising less than 0.2 per cent of the world's population.

100x disproportionate.

Education has been put on a pedestal for Jews for millennia, dating back to the Torah — which means “teaching”. God chose Avraham to teach his children the ways of the Chosen People;

**Moshe Rabbeinu, “our teacher”,
did the same, and following the
destruction of the Temple in 70CE,
the Romans granted permission to
establish an academy.**

According to the late Rabbi Lord Sacks, the Jews knew that “to defend a country, you need an army, but to defend an identity, you need a school”.

Covenantal duty of literacy.

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Ro 9.4-5 The people of Isra'el! ¹They
were made God's children, ²the
Sh'khinah has been with them,
³the covenants are theirs,
⁴likewise the giving of the Torah,
⁵the Temple service and the
promises;

Ro 9.4-5 ⁶the Patriarchs are theirs;
and ⁷from them, as far as his
physical descent is concerned,
came the Messiah, who is over all.
Praised be ADONAI for ever! Amen.

1 They were made God's children
Shmot/Ex 4.22-23 Then you are to tell
Pharaoh: 'ADONI says, "Isra'el is
my firstborn son". I have told you to
let my son go in order to worship
me, but you have refused to let
him go. Well, then, I will kill your
firstborn son!'"

Covenantal identity #1

**Love Messiah the King. He's the
Savior, Redeemer, and a relative.**

²the Sh'khinah has been with them
A passion for the Presence.

- T'hillim/Ps 27.4 One thing have I asked of ADONI, that will I seek: to dwell in the House of ADONI all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of ADONI, and to meditate in His Temple.

- Shmot/Ex 34.18-19 But Moshe said, “I beg you to show me your glory!” He replied, “I will cause all my goodness to pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce the name of ADONI.

T'hillim / Ps 90.16-17 Show your deeds to
your servants and your glory to
their children. May the favor of
ADONI our God be on us.

1Chron 25.1-3 David and the army commanders selected some of the descendants of Asaf, of Heman and of Y'dutun to prophecy with lyres, lutes and cymbals...the descendants of Y'dutun...six, with their father Y'dutun, who, accompanied by the lyre, prophesied thanks and praise to ADONI.

Music seems to be a relatively accessible way to experience the Presence.

Of all King David's accomplishments, he is remembered supremely in modern Jerusalem as a worshipper.

The Chords Bridge גשר המיתרים
Gesher HaMeitarim also called the
Bridge of Strings or **Jerusalem**
Light Rail Bridge, is a side-spar
cable-stayed bridge in
Jerusalem's Western entrance to
the city.



The form of the bridge resembles a tent in the desert or a harp, with the cables as the strings, symbolising King David's harp.



So King David's music is his prime legacy. Music has become an absolute expression of Jewish covenantal identity.

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Covenantal identity #2: enjoy His presence, in music, in Jewish music too.

3 the covenants are theirs

G-d made eight covenants with humanity. In Eden, with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moshe 2x, David, Renewed. Five of the covenants were with all humanity, but through the Jewish people.

4 likewise the giving of the Torah
We discussed that above in the
heritage of literacy, study. But
another dimension of that is the
beauty of the restored Hebrew
language.

Zeph 3.9 For then I will restore to the people pure speech, so that all of them may call upon the Name of ADONI.

Something in your kiskas [guts] may resonate with the Hebrew.

Covenantal identity #4

**Continue Hebrew study. Maybe
five minutes daily? Music?
Joshua Aaron, etc.**

5 the Temple service and the promises

There is a deep longing for the Land where we had that Temple worship.

Every year, at Passover, we pray and affirm, “Next year in Jerusalem.”

T'hillim/ Ps 137.5-6 If I forget you,
Yerushalayim, may my right hand
wither away! May my tongue stick
to the roof of my mouth if I fail to
remember you, if I fail to count
Yerushalayim the greatest of all
my joys.

A custom came out of this that at every wedding, otherwise the pinnacle of joy, a cup would be smashed, acknowledging that our joy is NOT perfect. The Temple Mount is still in enemy hands. We are still fighting enemies!









And that Land, that little sliver on
the east edge of the
Mediterranean, as big as Metro
KC, is our HOME, despite what the
world, the UN, the Arabs say.

Yermiyahu/Jer 31.34-36 This is what ADONI says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar — ADONI-Tzva'ot is his name: "If these laws leave my presence," says ADONI,

Yermiyahu/Jer 31.34-36 “then the
offspring of Isra’el will stop being
a nation in my presence forever.”
This is what ADONI says: “If the sky
above can be measured and the
foundations of the earth be
fathomed, [explore verb חָקַר]

Yermiyahu/Jer 31.34-36 then I will reject
all the offspring of Isra'el for all
that they have done," says ADONI.

From Jackie Santoro in Tel Aviv



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This Saturday, we met, as we do once a month, as a smaller group in a local park. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. As we gathered, we heard a "boom" and above us, high in the sky was a burst of smoke- an interception of a rocket. It hardly attracted any attention. Life in Israel.

The whole ceasefire agreement was a ploy to encourage Hezbollah to let down their guard. And more incredible, because of the "beeper" attacks which took the world and Hezbollah by surprise and wonder, it forced Nasrallah to go in person to his meeting in the bunker

Because their communication system was devastated and what remained intact was suspect. The stage was set and God's hand of favor rested upon the Air Force as 8 planes executed a perfect and highly complex maneuver, dropping 82 tons of explosives on the gathering from hell.

The Lion of Judah is roaring.



Maj. John Spencer has a long combat career in the US Army, including two tours in Iraq soldier and commander. He emerged as one of the world's foremost experts in urban warfare.



Maj. Spencer made a statement that should resonate globally. “Everything that the world has heard about Gaza has actually been counterfactual. It has been wrong. What Israel has done to protect civilians, and despite what Hamas has wanted, has been an amazing achievement that I didn’t even, personally as an urban warfare scholar, think was possible.”

Daniel Cohen, the news director at Real Life Network , who lives in Israel, said the people of the not-so-religious city of Tel Aviv believe the unfolding events and the “way God is protecting Israel is biblical.”

Israel is "involved in the near combat in Lebanon, they're still cleaning up Gaza, and now they have a law enforcement action in [Judea and Samaria], and they still have Houthis firing rockets at them from Yemen,"

Rep. Keith Self (R-Texas) on "Washington Watch"



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Nevertheless,

Ain Erets akheret אין ארץ אחרת

There is no other land.

No where else to go.

Land of prophetic destiny

Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel wrote
the following prophecy in AD
1217: “When the Ottomans
conquer Jerusalem they will rule
over Jerusalem for eight jubilees.”
400 yrs. Ottoman conquest 1517
 $1517 + 400 = 1917$

Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one jubilee, and then in the ninth jubilee [1967] it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time.”

Summarize 1917

- British government changed to favor Israel and Balfour Declaration made.
- General Allenby conquered Jerusalem so British could follow their policy.

1967 Six day war Jerusalem
Soviet Union sent bogus word to
Egypt and Syria that Israel about
to attack. So Arabs mobilized.
General Mota Gur Har HaBiyit
b'yadenu. Lions Gate. Yeshua
coming back as Lion. Prophecy
G restoring Israel as Lion.

**2017 Jerusalem got legal right
and recognition of restoration.**

Also 1867

- Mark Twain recognized desolations according to parasha of the week Dt 29.22
- Charles Warren rediscovered ancient Jerusalem Zech 2.5-8
- Ottoman Turks change land law

Covenantal identity #6

Love the Land of Israel, and consider going there.

- Birthright free tour
- HaYovel service project
- SarEl service project
- Aliyah: 13 Or HaOlamniks

7 From them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be ADONI for ever! Amen.

Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah.*

Little by little, and big time soon enough, Israel will see:

Yeshayahy 25.7-9 On this mountain he will destroy the veil which covers the face of all peoples, the veil enshrouding all the nations. He will swallow up death forever.*

ADONI Elohim will wipe away the tears from every face, and he will remove from all the earth

Yeshayahy 25.7-9 the disgrace his people suffer. For ADONI has spoken. On that day they will say, “See! This is our God! We waited for him to save us.

This is ADONI ; we put our hope in him. We are full of joy, so glad he saved us!” For on this mountain the hand of ADONI will rest.

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