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# Nageela Shabbos

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## Apparently...

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Nearly there! Just about a week before Lag Ba'Omer, let's reflect a bit upon the time period of the year known as Sefirat Ha'Omer. The talmud tells us of 24,000 great men, students of Rabbi Akiva who perished in a plague, just about 2,000 years ago. In mourning of their loss, we mark a period of sadness each year (see last week's edition of Nageela Shabbos). But the Talmud doesn't actually say "24,000 students." The precise words are "12,000 pairs of students." Yeah, I can do the math, but why word it in such a strange way?

The Talmud is teaching a valuable lesson. A person can not grow or achieve greatness alone. Whether it's study or any other part of life, human beings were built to function within a team. A pair. For Torah study, that means a study partner. No matter how brilliant you might be, you'll always understand things more clearly when discussing with another. For life, it's a good friend or spouse, who can work with you as a team to become better people.

This is emphasised by the reason the Talmud gives for their deaths; lack of respect for one another. Their success could only come about by working together with a great degree of mutual respect, and their demise came because they lacked it.

"Who is a wise man? He who learns from every person." Let's take this important concept to heart and listen to the thoughts and opinions of all our peers, even if we're wayyyyy smarter. ✨

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### *Mazel Tov!!!:*

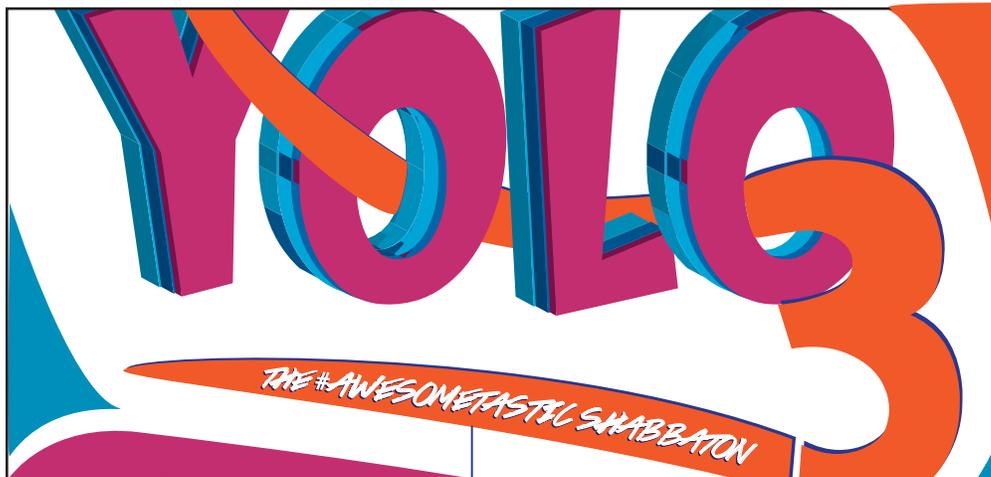
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