

RIVKA & AKIVA'S EXCELLENT (KOSHER) ADVENTURE

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CHARACTERS

Rivka

Akiva

Teacher

Oracle

Avraham

Moshe

Esther

Ensemble

SCENE ONE

Talmud Torah Jewish High School

Present Day

(Students are seated in a classroom with the TEACHER standing at the front. RIVKA and AKIVA sit in the first row of chairs. They are not focused on the class.)

TEACHER

As you remember, we have our final presentations tomorrow on everything we learned this year. This test will determine if you make it into rabbinical school and it's very important...

RIVKA

I'm so excited to go play that new video game that just came out. You should hop on!

AKIVA

Yeah, sure. That would be so much fun!

TEACHER

Rivka! Akiva! No talking in class.

AKIVA

(mocking the teacher)

Meh meh meh, I'm the teacher, blah blah blah...

(RIVKA laughs. The TEACHER notices this happening and stares at them.)

TEACHER

Okay everyone, continue working with your partner.

(The TEACHER approaches RIVKA and AKIVA)

Rivka and Akiva, that was rude. Your presentation is tomorrow. Do you have anything done?

RIVKA & AKIVA

Uhhhhhm.

TEACHER

Have you even learned anything this year? Who was the first father in the book of Genesis?

(Silence)

Who brought the slaves out of Egypt?

(Silence)

Ok here's an easy one: who was the princess who saved the Jewish people?

AKIVA

Ummm. Princess Peach?

TEACHER

As expected. I can see you both have learned nothing. And yet you have great hearts. And so much potential. I can see you both as great rabbis if you focus and pass.

RIVKA

I'm only here 'cause my aba made me.

AKIVA

Yeah, being a rabbi would not be fun.

SONG #1: WHAT CAN A RABBI DO?

RIVKA

I NEVER SPENT NO TIME AT ALL
ON TORAH LEARNED INSIDE THIS HALL
I NEVER THOUGHT TOO DEEP INSIDE
ABOUT A FUTURE RABBI LIFE

AKIVA

I DO NOT WANT TO PRAY ALL DAY
I'D RATHER PLAY MY VIDEO GAMES
I DO NOT WANT TO READ A SCROLL
BEING FREE'S MY HOLY GOAL

AKIVA & RIVKA

WHAT CAN A RABBI DO?
THAT'S EVER BEEN ANYMORE COOL
THAN RIDING A SPORTS CAR
OR PERFORMING SONGS?
ME AND RABBINICAL SCHOOL WOULD NOT GET ALONG

(In a flash, the TEACHER and ENSEMBLE disappear. An ORACLE magically appears.)

RIVKA

Wait a minute, who are you?

ORACLE

I am the Oracle.

(Silence)

I come from the future.

AKIVA

Coooooooooooool.

RIVKA

Nice to meet you Mr Oracle, but we gotta go play some video games.

ORACLE

HEY YOU TWO
DON'T LOOK AWAY
I CROSSED THROUGH TIME
JUST TO SAY
YOU DON'T SEE IT
BUT I DO
ONE DAY YOU'LL BE RABBIS
GUIDING WHAT'S TRUE

AKIVA & RIVKA

RABBIS? US?
THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE
WE'RE JUST TEENS
NO TRICKS UP OUR SLEEVE

ORACLE

MARK MY WORDS
THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT
YOU'LL TEACH THE WORLD
WRONG FROM RIGHT

Yes indeed. Great Rabbis you will become. The ones who can unite the Jewish people and bring peace and wisdom to all.

AKIVA

Ok, that's kinda dope sounding honestly.

RIVKA

Totally.

ORACLE

But if you fail that test tomorrow, you won't qualify for rabbinical school and that future will cease to exist.

RIVKA

So what do we do?

ORACLE

GO BACK IN TIME
SEARCH OUT AND FIND
THE GREAT JEWISH LEADERS FROM OUR PAST
NO TIME FOR SORROW
YOU PRESENT TOMORROW
SO GET ON IT, MAKE IT FAST

Get them to come with you to the present. Have them be a part of your presentation.
With them by your side, there's no way you can fail.

RIVKA

How do we go back in time?

ORACLE

Take this special magical tefillin, wrap it around your arm seven times and say, "There's no place like the Kotel."

AKIVA & RIVKA

There's no place like the Kotel.

ORACLE

You got it.

AKIVA & RIVKA

SO LET'S...
GET OUR ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS
MAKE OURSELVES TRULY ESSENTIAL
REACH OUT GREATEST POTENTIAL
TOGETHER!

AKIVA & RIVKA

'CAUSE WHAT CAN'T A RABBI DO?
TEACHING IS FAR MORE COOL
THAN RIDING A SPORTS CAR
AND PERFORMING SONGS
HERE I COME, RABBINICAL SCHOOL
I CAN'T WAIT TO BELONG...

ENSEMBLE

WHAT CAN'T A RABBI DO?
TEACHING IS FAR MORE COOL

I CAN'T WAIT TO BELONG

TO SOMETHING THAT'S BIGGER
SOMETHING THAT'S GREAT
SOMETHING THAT'S FIRE
SOMETHING THAT'S AISH

ENSEMBLE

OHHH!

AKIVA & RIVKA

WHAT CAN'T A...

ENSEMBLE

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AKIVA & RIVKA

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ENSEMBLE

WHAT CAN'T A...

AKIVA & RIVKA

WHAT CAN'T A RABBI DO
I WANT TO LEARN TORAH AND BE MORE COOL

ENSEMBLE

AHHHHH!

SCENE TWO

The Past

(AKIVA and RIVKA are alone on stage.)

RIVKA

So, do you think it really works?

AKIVA

Only one way to find out.

SONG #2: COME WITH US

RIVKA & AKIVA

WE'RE GOING ON OUR WAY
TO SAVE OUR PRESENTATION
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A WEIRD
MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

AKIVA

Start wrapping.

RIVKA & AKIVA

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE KOTEL
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE KOTEL
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE...
AHHHHHHHHH!

(AKIVA and RIVKA are transported back into the Torah.)

AKIVA

Desert...

RIVKA

Sheep...

AKIVA

Tents...

RIVKA

We've made it into...

RIVKA & AKIVA

The Torah!

RIVKA

Let's find these famous folks and bring them back to join our presentation.

(AVRAHAM enters)

AVRAHAM

I'M AVRAHAM
I MADE THE NEWS

THEY SAY I STARTED ALL THE JEWS
YEAH I'M FATHER NUMBER ONE
THAT BOY YITZHAK
IS MY SON

RIVKA

It's so nice to meet you Avraham.

AKIVA

We're Rivka and Akiva. We need you to...

RIVKA & AKIVA

COME WITH US

AVRAHAM

Oy! What do you mean?

RIVKA & AKIVA

AVRAHAM IN THE PRESENT DAY
WE NEED YOU TO LEAD THE WAY
HELP US PRESENT OUR CASE
SO IN THE HALLS OF LEARNING
WE CAN STAY
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

AVRAHAM

Well, these sheep look kinda bored. I can take a break.

RIVKA & AKIVA

Hooray!

COME WITH US

(They jump forward in time. MOSHE enters.)

The pyramids!

MOSHE

I'M MOSHE, AND WITH HASHEM'S PLAGUES
YEAH I HELPED TO FREE THE SLAVES

I'M MOSHE, I LEAD THE JEWS
YEAH I MADE PHARAOH LOSE

RIVKA & AKIVA

MOSHE IN THE PRESENT DAY
WE NEED YOU TO LEAD THE WAY
HELP US PRESENT OUR CASE
SO IN THE HALLS OF LEARNING
WE CAN STAY
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

MOSHE

Well the Jews are free, so I can take a little break.

RIVKA & AKIVA

Hooray!

COME WITH US

(They jump forward in time. ESTHER enters.)

Shushan!

ESTHER

I'M ESTHER, BOLD AND BRAVE
ESTHER, WHO FOUGHT TO SAVE
ALL OF US, NOW WE CELEBRATE
ME! ON PURIM DAY

RIVKA & AKIVA

ESTHER IN THE PRESENT DAY
WE NEED YOU TO LEAD THE WAY
HELP US PRESENT OUR CASE
SO IN THE HALLS OF LEARNING
WE CAN STAY
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

RIVKA

Esther, join us in the future and help us become rabbis?

ESTHER

A female rabbi? Count me in, sister!

RIVKA & AKIVA

Hooray!

COME WITH US

OHHHHHH....

YOU'RE CRITICAL

IN OUR QUEST TO BE RABBINICAL

YEAH NO NEED TO BE CYNICAL

'CAUSE YOU'RE SO VERY BIBLICAL

COME WITH US

IN OUR MAGICAL TEFILLIN

COME WITH US

BRING YOUR WISDOM

IT BE SPILLIN'

OUT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATION

OF RABBIS LEADING THE JEWISH NATION

AVRAHAM, MOSHER, & ESTHER

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IN YOUR MAGICAL TEFILLIN

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RIVKA & AKIVA

Alright everybody, grab on!

RIVKA

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE KOTEL

RIVKA & AKIVA

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE KOTEL

RIVKA, AKIVA, & AVRAHAM

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE KOTEL

RIVKA, AKIVA, AVRAHAM, MOSHER, and ESTHER

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE KOTEL

RIVKA & AKIVA

COME WITH US!

(The magical tefillin transports them all through time, back to the present day.)

SCENE THREE

Talmud Torah Jewish High School

Present Day

(We are back in the classroom with the students seated and the TEACHER at the front.)

TEACHER

Thank you Noah and Leah for your beautiful presentation. Next up we have Rivka and Akiva.

(The class groans)

Yes, this should be interesting.

(RIVKA and AKIVA come to the front)

AKIVA

Are you ready for the most amazingly Jewish rabbi presentation ever?

RIVKA

Because we have brought for you, straight from the Torah, some of the most influential leaders in Jewish history!

AKIVA

Avraham!

(AVRAHAM enters)

RIVKA

He started the Jewish people...

AKIVA

...and talked to G-d.

AVRAHAM

It's true, I did. Pretty cool, right?

RIVKA

Next up, Moshe!

(MOSHE enters)

AKIVA

Tell us about yourself.

MOSHE

I'm just tryna make the Jew people free.

RIVKA

He spoke to G-d through a burning bush.

MOSHE

It's true. It was lit.

AKIVA

What else?

MOSHE

Well, after I freed the Hebrew slaves I lowkey split the Red Sea.

RIVKA & AKIVA

Tov me'od!

AKIVA

And finally, Esther!

(ESTHER enters)

RIVKA

What's up princess!?

ESTHER

I totes saved us all from the evil Haman.

AKIVA

And she looked fabulous while doing it.

ESTHER

It's true.

AKIVA

And so, with that, we present some of the great leaders from the past to inspire you to be the great leaders of the future.

RIVKA

Thank you for listening.

(The TEACHER and students leap to their feet with a big round of applause.)

TEACHER

Wow, Rivka and Akiva. I am so impressed. An A-plus. You are *on* your way to rabbinical school. But, I have to ask, how did you bring all these people together?

AKIVA

An oracle.

TEACHER

Is this one of your video game things?

(The ORACLE appears)

ORACLE

No, I'm real.

RIVKA

Hey Oracle, can we take them all on our next journey?

ORACLE

Sure!

SONG #3: FINALE

ALL

COME WITH US
IN OUR MAGICAL TEFILLIN
COME WITH US
BRING YOUR WISDOM
IT BE SPILLIN'
OUT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATION
OF RABBIS LEADING THE JEWISH NATION
COME WITH US
COME WITH US!

(Bows)

SONG #4: WHAT CAN A RABBI DO? (REPRISE)

AKIVA & RIVKA

'CAUSE WHAT CAN'T A RABBI DO?
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THE END