**OHH! Vayera – “And He Appeared”**

**Introduction**:

Hebrew letter:

* ד – Dalet = 4
* Meaning: door, opening, four corners

Hebrew names and meanings:

* Yitzchaq = Isaac = laughter
* Abimelek = Father King

Hebrew Words:

* Dalet = door
* Akedah = the binding

History:

* Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948

Culture:

* Israel has a very diverse population because its citizens immigrated from over 100 different countries around the world.

Fun Factoid:

* The Israel Postal service has a special “Letters to God” department that handles all the letters arriving in Jerusalem from around the world addressed to God. They are opened and placed into the cracks of the Western Wall.

**Body**:

Torah Portion summation (Genesis 18:1-22:24):

* Three Men Visit Abraham
* Abraham Pleads for Sodom
* The Lord Destroys Sodom and Gomorrah
* Lot and His Daughters
* Abraham and Abimelek
* Isaac Is Born
* Abraham Sends Hagar and Ishmael Away
* The Agreement at Beersheba
* God Tests Abraham
* Nahor’s Sons

Torah Portion Themes:

* Hospitality
* Obedience

**Conclusion**:

So What?!! Application section:

1. Could it be that taking the lamb at Pesach is connected to the covenant made by Abraham?
2. What is the correct answer (or response) for every test God gives?
3. Is it possible that when God tests us, and we respond by saying (or thinking) “did God really say that?”, we are acting just like the serpent the in garden?
4. What was the stipulation placed upon the covenant?