

Batya & Benji



Five Days Before

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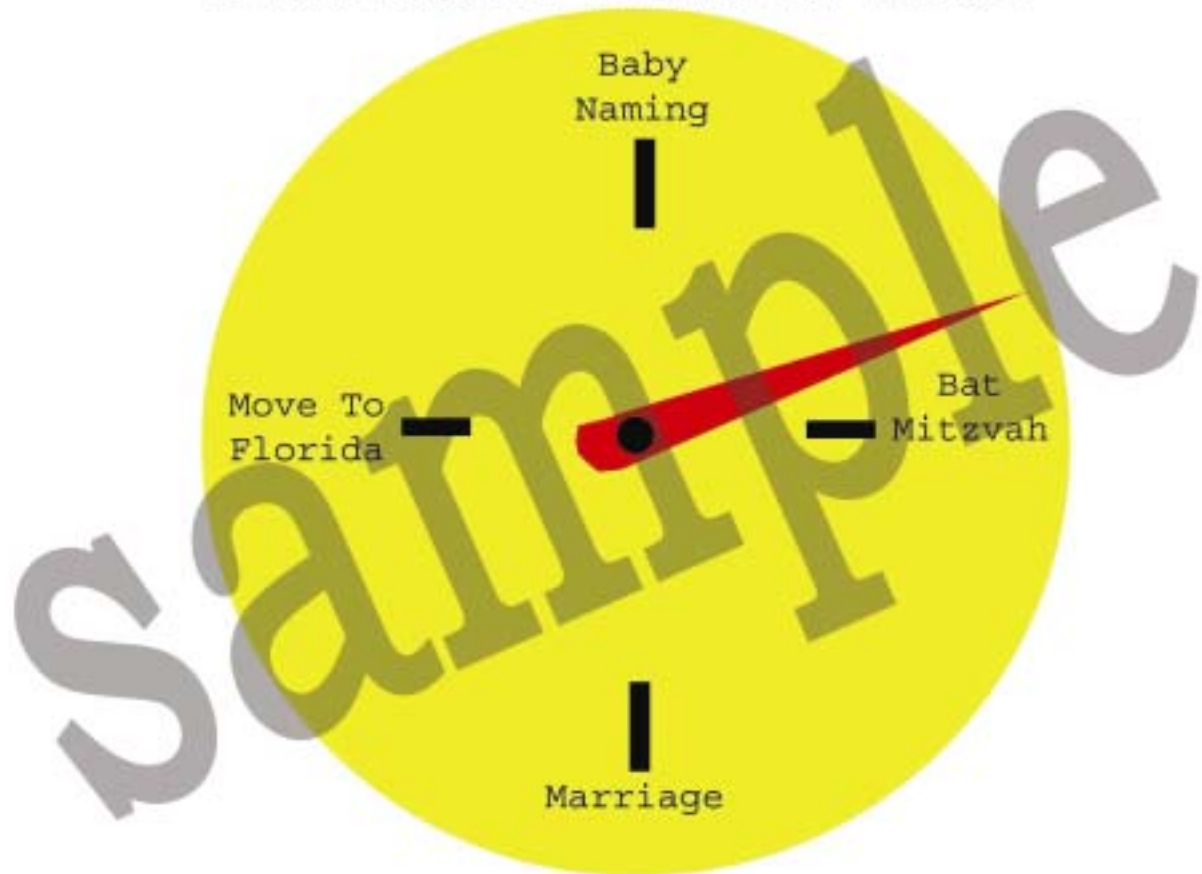
This is Batya.



This is Benji.

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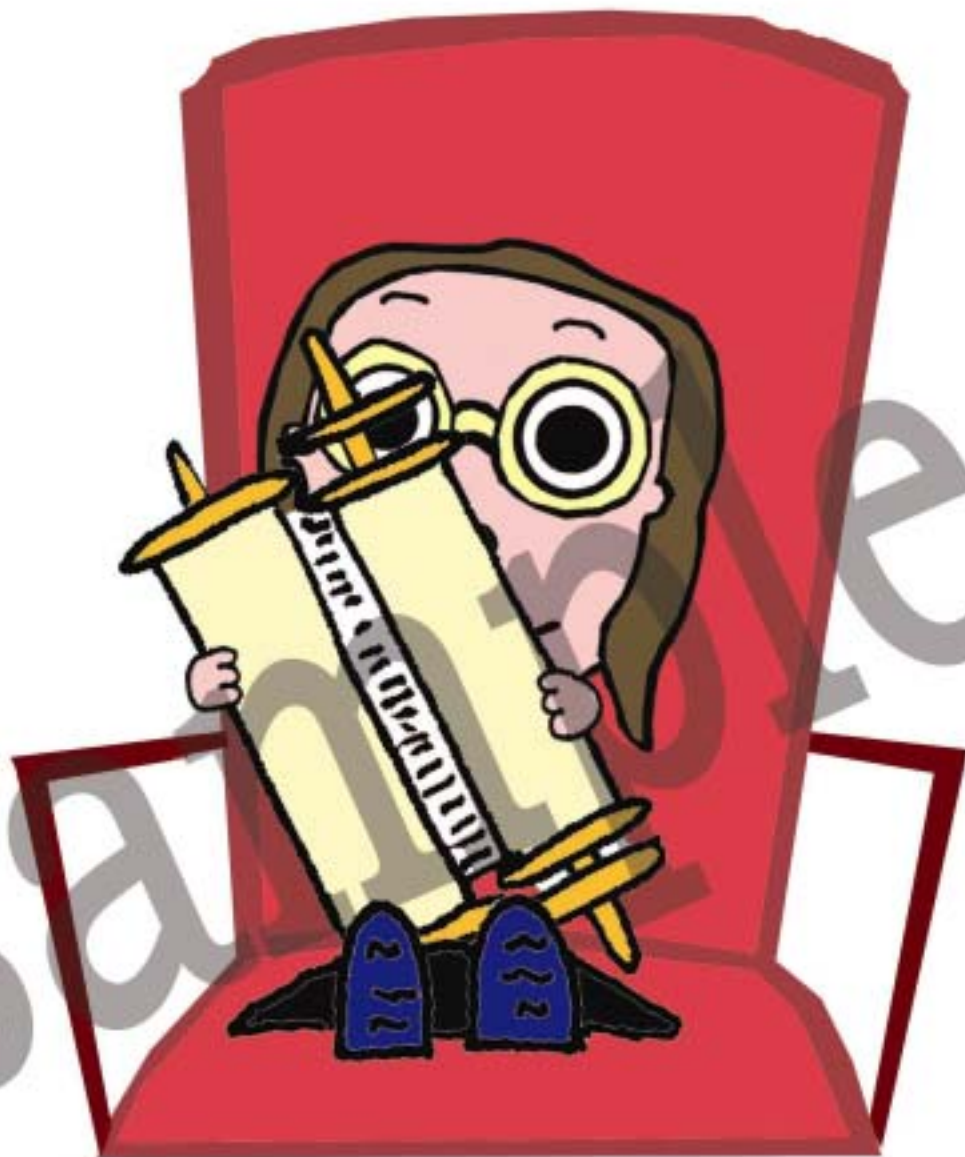
STANDARD JEWISH TIME



It was monday, October 23rd, exactly five days before her Bat Mitzvah and Batya was feeling a little overwhelmed.



She had always seen her father leading services. She had even, in fact, led a few of her own.



But still...

A Bat Mitzvah is a big deal.
A lot of responsibility.



Benji knew that it was up to him. He had to distract Batya! He had to get her mind off the Bat Mitzvah. He had to get her out of the house.

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BRAINSTORM
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As Benji got scratched by Batya in the park, he suddenly had a brainstorm! They would do something fun every day for the whole week!

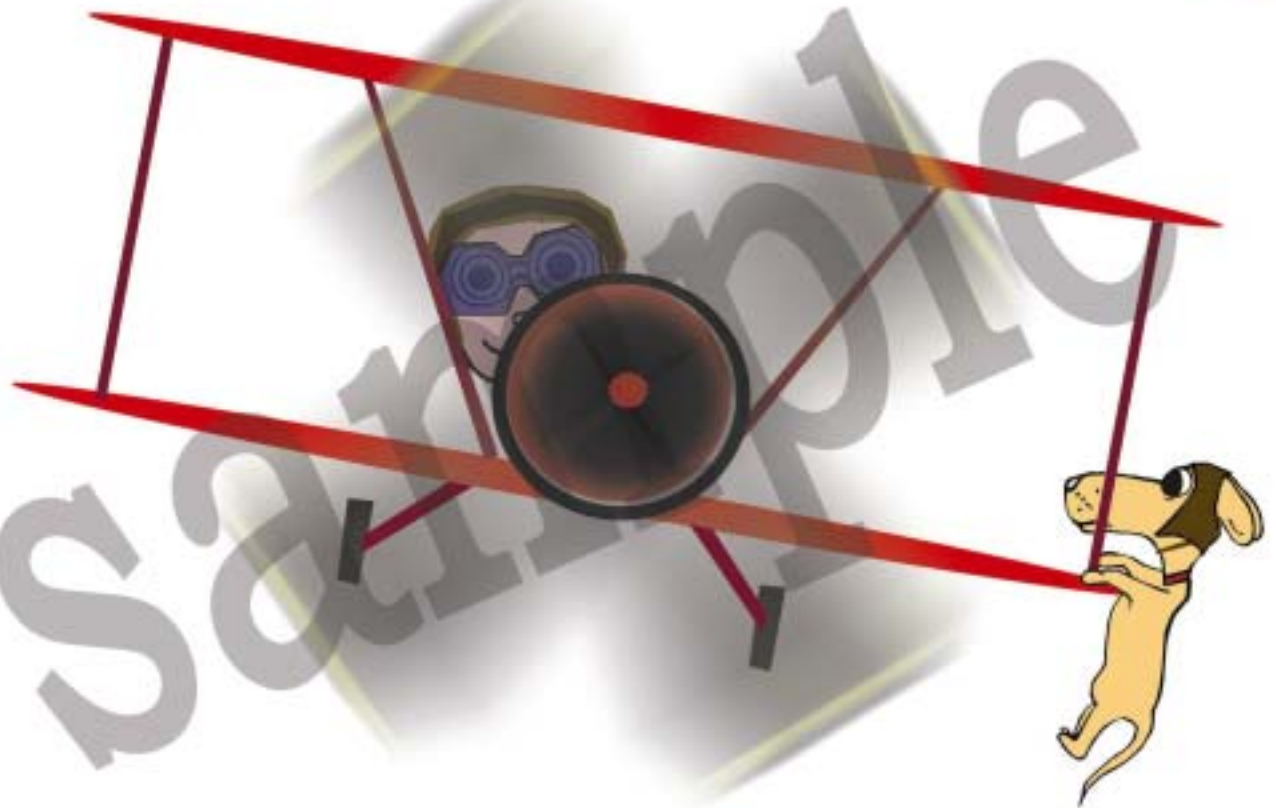
Monday: October 23rd

Day 1



The first thing Benji did was grab a soccer ball. He would play goalie. But not a very good one.

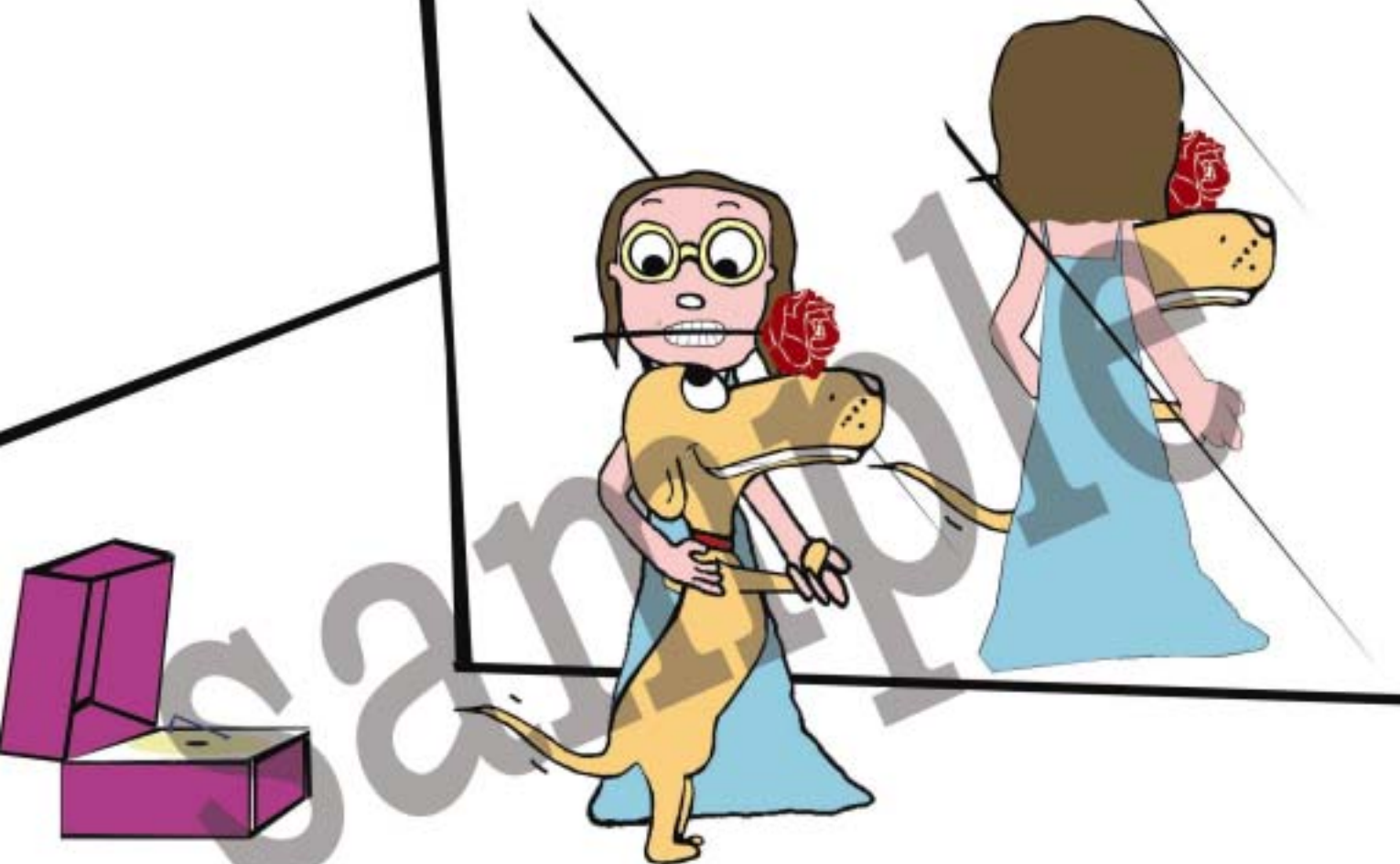
Tuesday: October 24th
Day 2



Oooh. A bi-plane ride! Well, Benji has certainly outdone himself this time. Batya seems to be enjoying it. Hold on dawgie!

Wednesday: October 25th

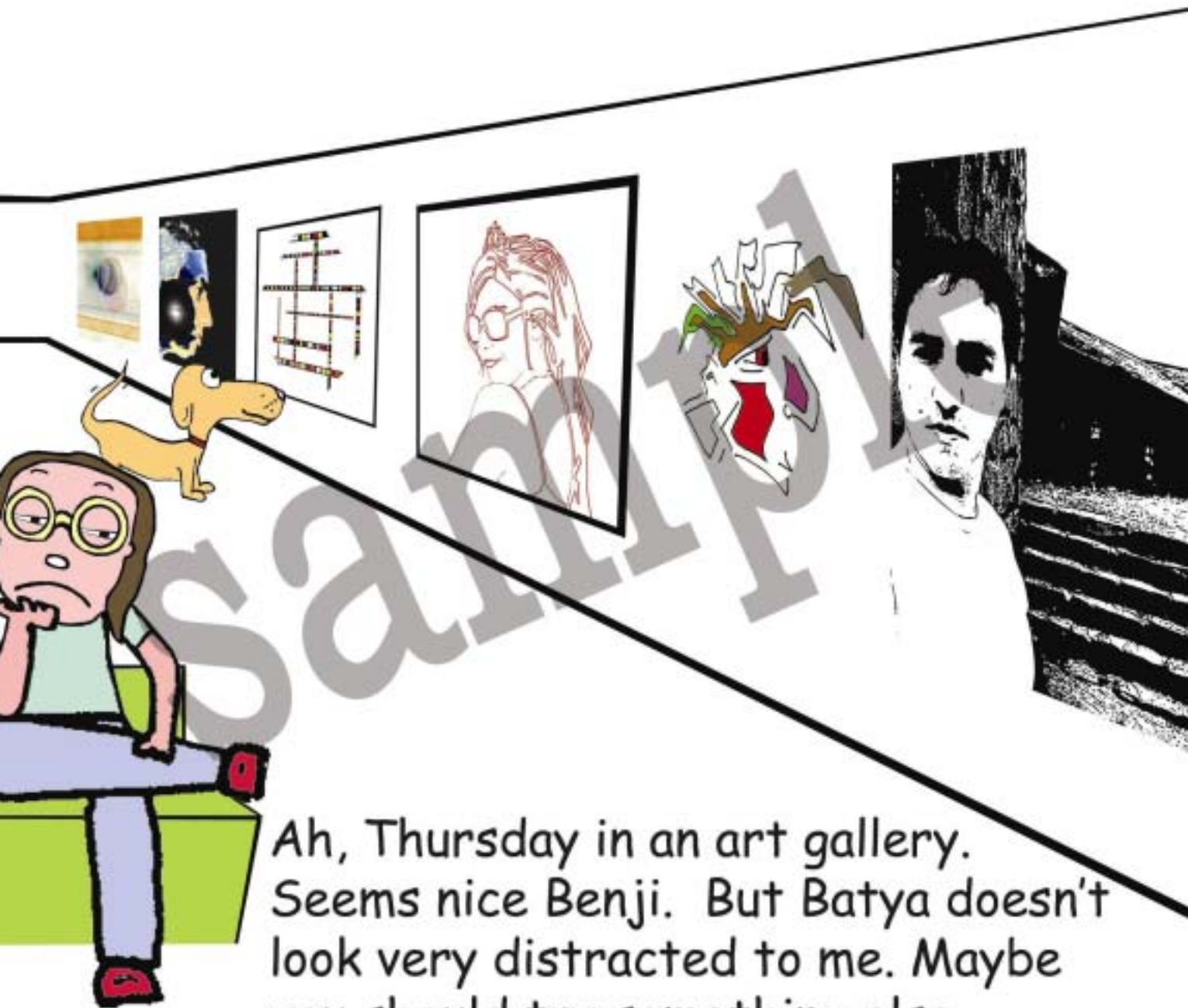
Day 3



Now here is a great idea. What better way to relax than tango lessons? That ought to keep Batya's mind off the Bat Mitzvah for awhile.

Thursday: October 26th

Day 4



Ah, Thursday in an art gallery. Seems nice Benji. But Batya doesn't look very distracted to me. Maybe you should try something else.

Thursday: October 26th
Day 4 [still]



Okay, so the museum was a dud. But Benji's got another, more relaxing idea. But to get there they need to pass by the temple. Don't look, Batya! Only two more days!

Thursday: October 26th
Day 4 [still]

Le Spa



Good dog! An afternoon at a spa! fantastic. Now you can get your massage and Batya can relax with cucumbers on her eyes.

Friday: October 27th
Day 5



It's Friday! Get Up!

Friday: October 27th
Day 5 [still]



First up on the Friday agenda is getting a kickin' hairstyle. So, off to the stylist! Make sure they rinse out all that shampoo.

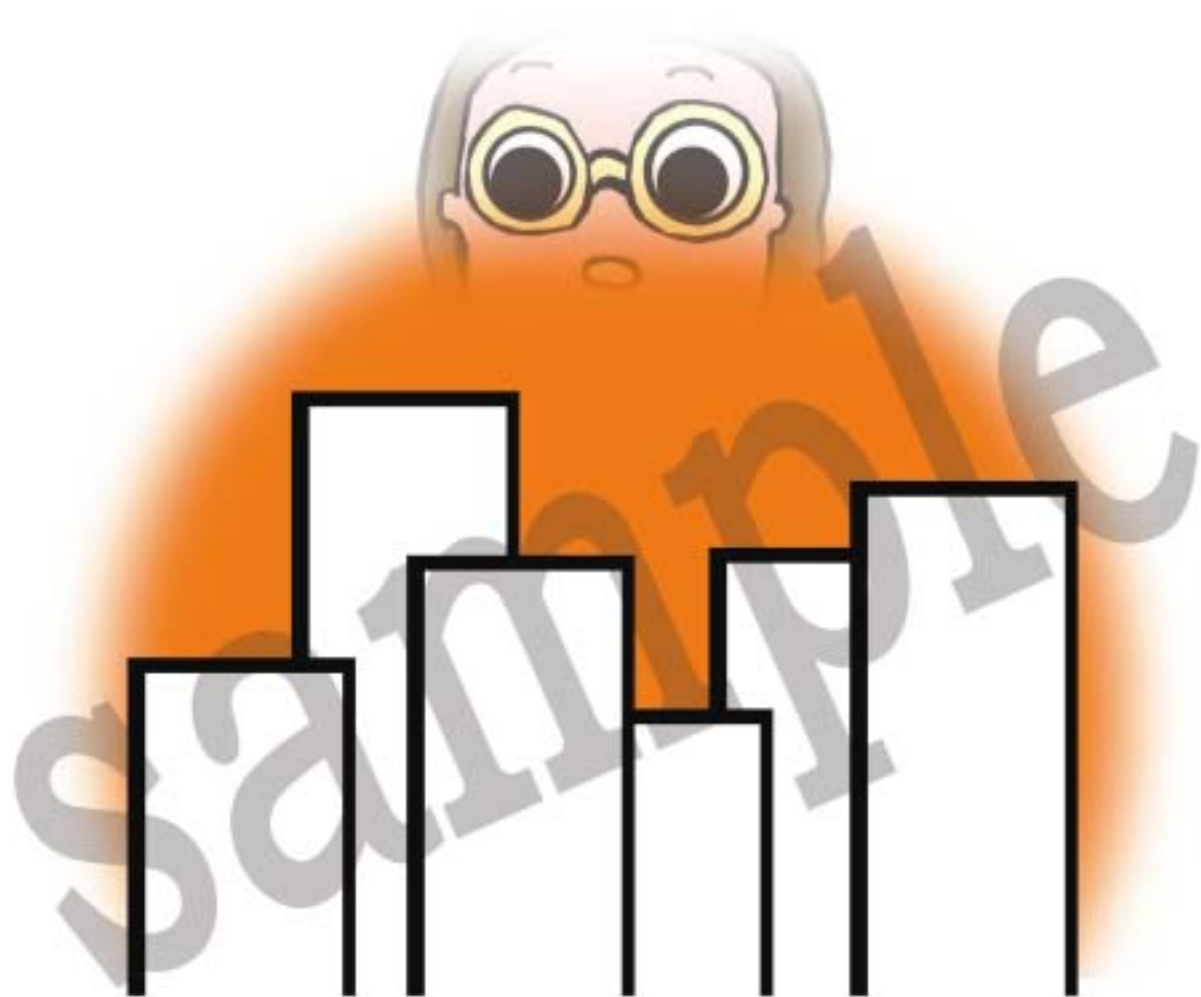
Friday: October 27th

Day 5 [still]



Now go get the dress! Oh, and the earrings and shoes and all the other stuff! Why didn't we get this, like, a month ago!?

Friday: October 27th
Day 5 [but not for much longer]



Uh oh. The sun is setting!! We need to get home! It's almost Shabbat! Come on! Run run run run run!



Finally. We made it through the entire week. And there she is! Batya's got her tallis, she's on the bimah looking calm, cool and collected and she's about to start the service. Today she is a woman.
Congratulations!



THE END

