

# הקשר היהודי שלך

## Your Jewish (Internet) Connection!

### There's an App for That!

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You're probably ahead of me on this one...I'm contemplating getting a smart phone. Many of the people I come in contact with use these instead of regular cell phones. I've been resisting getting one, but the contract is renewing this month, and I'm going for it!

So to get ahead of the game, it seemed like a good idea to look at some apps you can use, with a Jewish theme, of course.

If you have an iPhone, iPod touch, iPad, or Android phone, then you already have an app to take you to the store where you can search for apps (search by the specific name or search by category). If you are new to this, then it's helpful to know that you need an Internet connection on the device in order to do this. Also, if you download an app and get some kind of error message about compatibility, it's best to CANCEL the download. And do pay attention to permissions – with some apps, you need to grant permission for them to use your contact list, connect to your Facebook account, or other things. Think carefully about the ramifications before granting these permissions; try to figure out what happens when you do and do not grant the permissions it's asking for.

#### iPhone/iPod touch/iPad Apps

**Pocket Torah** is designed to help you learn the weekly Torah and Haftarah portion anywhere, at any time. It has two text formats and audio clips. It's rated 4.5 stars and is a FREE app for iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad.

**JewishJournal** is a Jewish news app for the iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. This is a FREE app and will keep you connected to all the latest Jewish news.

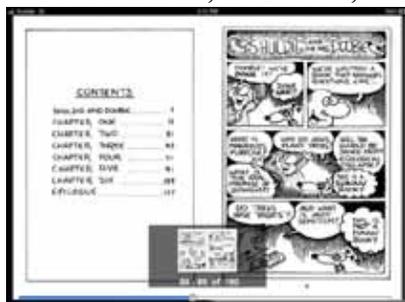
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#### Android

**Hebrew/English Translator** is a useful Hebrew to English and English to Hebrew translator and dictionary for the Android. You can translate Hebrew by typing using the built-in Hebrew keyboard. In addition, you can use the built-in Android keyboard to translate from English to Hebrew. It has 4.3 stars and is a FREE app. NOTE: As it uses the Google

Translate API, it requires Internet access to work.

**Jewish.tv** provides a library of Jewish videos on Jewish themes, traditions, holidays, parshah, and more. This is a FREE app with a 5 star rating.



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