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1. A Six Day War bumper sticker said, "Yisrael Btach BTzahal".

Yom Kippur War's bumper sticker said, "Yisrael Btach BaHashem".



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3. This week's Parsha:
Moses breaks the Tablets.



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2. Man may take credit for his own success.

Believing in oneself too much is a common disease.

G-d warns us: Remember that I give you wealth!



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4. What happened to the broken pieces?

The Talmud: They were kept a special ark.

This ark preceded the Jews in the desert and accompanied the Jewish armies into battle.

5. The Holy Ark of the Covenant: It remained in the Holy of Holies. Only once, in the days of Eli was the Holy Ark taken into battle and the ark was captured.

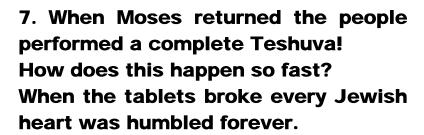


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6. Why would they bring the broken tablets into battle- it'll remind G-d of the Golden Calf! The High Priest didn't wear gold on Yom Kippur - not to remind G-d of the Golden calf. For the same reason we don't make Shofars out of cow's horns.



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8. Kotzker: "There is nothing complete as a broken heart."

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9. The broken pieces accompanied the army into battle to keep the soldiers humble.

And realizing that G-d is the one that gives victories.



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10. Also the broken pieces remind G-d that his people are more than Tzaddikim; they are performers of everlasting teshuva.



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