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1. Lately the Iranians held a convention to prove that the Holocaust never happened. But they can never succeed for the millions of eye witnesses outweigh any "proof".



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2. The Arabs seem to have a habit of denying reality. During the six day war the Arab radio was announcing a victory as their soldiers fled for their lives.

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3. The communists also tried to rewrite the history to hide their reign of terror but the millions of witnesses would not allow it.



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4. In this week Parsha we also find the question of proofs vs. tradition handed through the generations.  
 When G-d commands to build the Mishkan and its vessels he said to build a menorah  
 -Which came too be a symbol of the Jewish people-  
 But what did it look like - were the branches round or straight?



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5. Most menorahs are made rounded – which comes from the Arch of Titus – which would seem to be irrefutable proof.

However, Rashi and Rambam rule unequivocally that the branches were round.

Whom do we believe?



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6. How does it happen that two men living at opposite ends of the world have the same opinion?

The answer is: Tradition passed to them by their teachers... all the way to the days of the Beis Hamikdash.

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7. The menorah in the Cardo in Jerusalem is supposed to be exactly like the original – but it is round.

The attendant was once challenged and he responded, "Rashi, Rambam and the Lubavitcher Rebbe never saw the Menorah! The menorah on the Arch of Titus is proof of that!"



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8. Why would the Romans make a round menorah?

- a. "Artistic license"!
- b. It could be that the original Menorah was hidden (like the Aron Hakodesh) and a different one (as it halachically could not look the same) was taken to Rome.



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9. What ever the reason for the roman rendition it is outweighed by the thousand year old tradition.



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10. It is just as the Talmud rules on Rabbi Eliezer ben Yosi's testimony about the Tzitz.

Since the Rabbis had a tradition from their masters they knew that the Tzitz in Rome was not authentic.

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11. From time to time a philosopher will try do disprove the legitimacy of the Torah.

However they cannot succeed for here are millions who have received a tradition and stand as an eternal testimony to the Torah's truth.



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