



Feb 27h - San Diego
Pre- Purim Event

March 1st -Nageela Sisters
Las Vegas Purim Feast

March 2nd - YOLO Shabbaton
March 25th - Gravady All nighter!

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February 24th, 2018
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The Best Intentions

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Cool clothing bro!

That could have been Moses speaking to his brother Aaron. As the Kohen Gadol, the head Rabbi in charge of the Temple service, Aaron had the coolest clothing ever! Gold and precious stones, some of it had super powers, it was awesome!

What did Aaron do to deserve this great honor?

He built the Golden Calf.

Wait, was that supposed to answer the question? I thought building the Golden Calf was a bad thing?

Well, I thought talking to yourself was a bad thing, but here we are having a conversation in public.

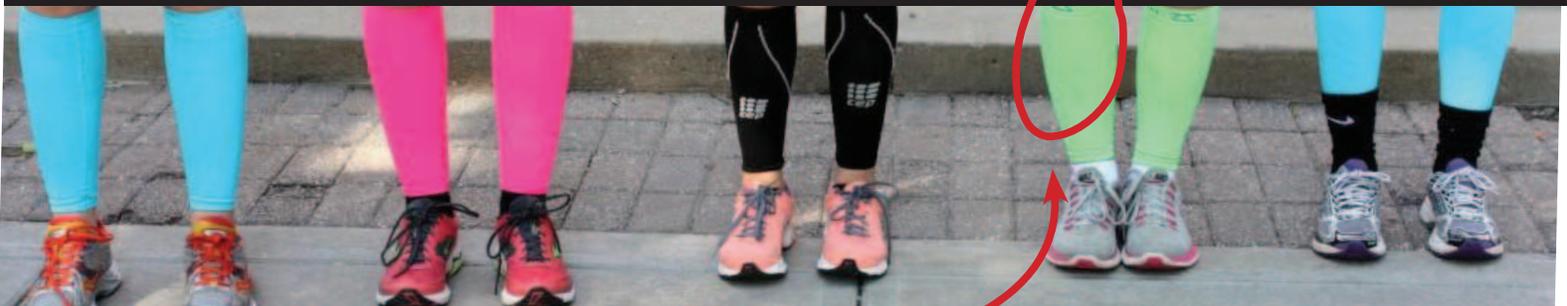
Ouch. Shots fired. Why would making the golden calf be a positive reason for Aaron to get a special privilege?

The Midrash tells the following story (I've slightly altered some of the details). Michael was born

into an extremely wealthy family. His Dad was the CEO of a large coffee franchise, and had hoped Michael would join the business. Mike had other plans. After dropping out of school, he spent time on the street and joined a gang of criminals. They did terrible things like wearing mismatched socks, putting chocolate milk into their cereal and other nefarious crimes. One day Mike found out the combination to his Dad's safe! He was sure that the safe would contain valuable cold brew packets, latte coupons and maybe even some money. As he was finalizing the plans for the break in, his sister Alice heard about the plan.

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Stump The Rabbi

It's a Shame, part 1

Dear Rabbi,

I have a Jewish name which I never use. What's the point? My Jewish name is Natan, who, I think was a prophet. I live in America, and I use my American name. Is it really important that I also have some ancient name in a different language, too? If I don't use it at all, is it even a name?

Thanks,

Nicholas N. Ames

Dear Nick Names,

I'M GOING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION IN TWO PARTS. THIS WEEK WE'LL COVER PART 1.

James Wilson is a CIA agent of great skill. One day he is summoned into his director's office, and given the



mission to go under deep cover in Afghanistan, and infiltrate terrorist cells there. They spend 6 months teaching him Dari, the Persian dialect

spoken there, and take special care to make sure every single word is pronounced as if he were native born. A wardrobe department gets rid of all of his American business suits, his jeans and his Chicago Cubs baseball cap. He is provided with Afghani clothing from top to bottom, taught how to put it on properly, and what types of clothes are appropriate for traveling, for special occasions or for chilling at home. He's further given an education on the history and culture of Afghanistan and on Sunni Muslim beliefs and practices. Finally, they work hard to change his appearance. They tan his skin, style his hair, even adjust his eye color using contact lenses in order to help him blend in. He's ready.

The CIA provides a fake, but authentic looking Afghanistan

Mitzvah Minute

Remembering Amalek

a short weekly column introducing one of Judaism's 613 commandments

Source:

Remember that which Amalek did to you... (Book of Devarim chapter 25 verse 17).

Details:

- The mitzvah is to remember verbally, not just in your mind, the terrible things Amalek did to us as we left Egypt
- The main way we accomplish this mitzvah is with a public Torah reading once per year
- The Shabbat on which we read

about Amalek is known as Parshat Zachor (remember)- that's this week!

- We always hold Parshat Zachor on the Shabbat immediately before Purim, because the events of Purim were instigated by Haman, who was a descendant of Amalek
- This mitzvah can also be fulfilled (according to some) by reading about Amalek on our own
- Some have the custom to mention Amalek every day

to always remember their treachery

- According to the Chofetz Chaim, this mitzvah applies to both men and women.

Lessons:

- We don't forget about evil, we remember it so that we can do a better job stopping it
- There is a reality of anti semitism in the world that has been ingrained in the DNA of certain nations
- The only effective way to remember anything is by speaking it. Otherwise it slips out of our minds

passport, and sneaks him over the border. He then immediately gets caught and arrested as an American spy.

What went wrong?

The CIA thought of everything, except one thing. There are no native Afghani names James Wilson (at least that's what my Afghani friend Jason told me).

Changing a face, clothing and language can help to conceal James' identity, but a name is a very powerful indicator of a person's identity. Jews have always been proud of our Jewish names, partially because they scream, "I'm a Jew and I'm proud!" It's easy enough for a Jew to blend in to American society, to hide or ignore the fact that we're Jewish, or at least to outwardly seem the same as everyone else. With a baseball cap on, it's hard to tell someone who's Jewish apart from any other America (aside from the nose. That's hard to hide). Keeping

a Jewish name reminds us that we are still part of a unique and exclusive club.

Though Nicholas may be the name on your United States passport, Natan (yes, he was a prophet who lived during the time of King David) is the name on your "Jewish passport" that gets stamped when you travel between the important points in your life.

NEXT WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE WITH PART 2.

Have - a- Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed

ALL NIGHTER
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8 HOURS OF EXTREME FUN!
MARCH 25TH 10:30P-
MARCH 26TH 7:30A
SPRING BREAK!
FOR AGE 12 AND UP!

G.O.A.T.
Greatest Of All Time
Quote
Speak little and do much
~Mishna, Avot
Translation:
Don't be a big talker.
Be a big doer.



Worshipping the Golden Calffiene

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Wanting to stop Michael from his terrible plot, she pretended to be on his side. "Let me break in!" she insisted. Dad trusts me, and if the security cameras see you, they'll know something is up.

Alice went ahead with the burglary, and then, while inside, purposely set off the alarm, getting herself caught in her father's safe, surrounded by roasted beans and valuable pokémon cards (who knew Dad was a collector?).

After installing a new, state of the art security system (it was manufactured by Keurig, and would only allow one person into the safe at a time), the CEO had a meeting with his daughter. He understood that she had only pretended to go along with Mike's plan in order to stop the process. He was so

happy that she'd broken into his office that he appointed her his new chief of security!

This Midrash tells me one thing loud and clear (and highly caffeinated, which is how I like it): God does not only concern Himself with our outward actions. He is aware and interested of our thoughts and motivations. The actions of Aaron may have led to the creation of a golden calf, but he's rewarded! Not only is he not blamed, according to this Midrash, but he's actually promoted.

Everything we do in life has two parts to it, the action and the intention. Of course, it's vital that our actions are appropriate, but perhaps even more important are our thoughts and our goals.



Happy Birthday!

to Nageela family members celebrating their birthdays this week!

- Eenbal Bromley
- Azi Steiner
- Roni Facher
- Steve Kostick
- Panina Rast
- Akiva Gross
- Nuni Piriyeva
- Abby Rivera
- Jasper Goldklang
- Alex Davidson

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