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DVAR TORAH

My god is stronger than your god!

A woman said something like this to Rabbi Yosi (one of the great scholars of the mishna who lived in

the 2nd century). It seemed that she worshiped snakes (maybe she was a death eater), and was impressed by something mentioned in this week's parsha. When God first turned Moses' stick into a snake, he ran away from it. Yet when God appeared to Moses (in the bush that was on fire but wasn't getting burnt up), he simply turned his face. Therefore, this woman concluded, the snake must have been more powerful than God!

Rabbi Yosi answered simply. Where would Moses have run away from God? It doesn't work. You can run from a snake. You can run from a giant fire breathing turtle. You can even run from a moldy bowling ball. But you can't run from God.

Do you ever drive into the airport, where there's a low clearance parking garage? At our airport, there's a pret-



Low Clearance

by Rabbi Dani Locker

ty low ceiling, but I know my car, and I know we fit with NO PROBLEM. Yet whenever I drive through the gate and they have those things hanging down, I kind of scrunch myself down in the driver's seat. That's ridiculous. Aside from the fact that I know my car fits, it's pointless because if my car doesn't fit, there's nothing that my hunched posture could do to help (if I was driving a convertible, maybe). Yet I do it anyway.

Moses 'scrunched up' - turning his face, because it would be disrespectful to gaze directly at the bush. Yet he wasn't SCARED. He didn't run away, because there's nowhere you could run. Running away from God would be absolutely pointless (as Jonah learned the wet way). The woman's mistake is that she tried judging greatness (or strength) by people's reaction. Yet that's a pretty poor test of strength. A nuclear missile is stronger than a bee, but you're more likely to run from a bee than from an atom bomb (wellll, you might run from one of those, but there wouldn't really be a reason to). Let's make sure our understanding of the world and of God is growing and advancing in sophistication and subtlety, so we can make better choices based on better understanding.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHICH FOUR BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES HAD A LETTER ADDED TO THEIR NAMES??

NO CHEATING
ANSWER ON PAGE 4

LOLZ

PEOPLE IN MY MATH CLASS
ARE ALWAYS DANCING FOR NO
REASON.

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ALGORITHM.

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by Dani Locker, 2022



STUMP 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

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Note & Disclaimer: We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way. The answers here should not be taken as halachic decisions. You should always ask a competent Rabbi personally.

Hi Rabbi,

#227

Heavy Light

I know that in most families the mom lights the Shabbat candles, and she lights one for every member of the family. What happens if a family member passes away? What happens if there is a divorce? Would it be appropriate to remove one of the candles, or do you keep the original number?

Thanks,
Candice Light

Dear Cand Light,

The number of candles people light is really based primarily on custom, and if your family has a particular custom, then you should definitely follow it. For more info on how many Shabbat candles to light in general, please see Nageela Shabbos Season 3, Episode 8. Your question today is specifically about decreasing the number of candles, so I'll address that. I haven't seen any written sources discussing this issue, but I've discussed it with some people and here's an approach:

Did you know that there are some opinions and customs that promote lighting many candles, no matter how many or few people there are in the family? Adding light for Shabbos is objectively a good thing. So what? I'll tell you what. There's a rule that states "We increase in holiness, but don't decrease." That means if you've started doing a mitzvah in a better way, it's not appropriate to downgrade your mitzvah observance. So no matter how many people you used to have in your family, currently have in your family, might potentially think about considering having in your family, you should never drop the amount of light you have in your home on Shabbos. Additionally, you can always add

more candles, and that is never inappropriate. Unless you have a brother named Jack who likes to be nimble, in which case it's best not to have so many candles.



Now, I'm sure that this question can be emotionally triggering. Since the question is based on terrible situations, I'm reluctant to say definitively that you **MUST** do this. If it is painful for a parent or spouse to keep lighting the same amount of candles, then a Rabbi should be consulted to determine how to proceed. There may be a procedure to decrease the amount of candles, if necessary.

As always, remember that the purpose of Shabbos candles is to increase peace in the home. Therefore it's never worth getting into a fight over. Ever.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

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DEEP THOUGHTS

HEAT, PRESSURE AND TIME CAN CREATE A DIAMOND. IT CAN ALSO CREATE A WAFFLE.

QUICK FIX

MOSES IS LARGER THAN LIFE. OVER THE COURSE OF THE TORAH WE LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT HIM AND HIS LIFE, HIS POWERS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WE'RE INTRODUCED TO HIM THIS WEEK, AND A PATTERN EMERGES ABOUT WHAT MAKES MOSES DIFFERENT. INDEED, WHAT QUALITY DO WE SEE IN PARSHAS SHEMOS THAT CONSISTENTLY INFORMS MOSES' ACTIONS?

STANDING UP FOR THE WEAK.

HE BENDS HIS SHOULDER TO HELP THE JEWISH SLAVES AT WORK. HE INTERVENES TO SAVE A JEW BEING BEATEN BY AN EGYPTIAN TASK-MASTER.

HE PREVENTS ONE JEW FROM HITTING ANOTHER.

HE RESCUES YISRO'S DAUGHTERS FROM THEIR WOULD- BE ABUSERS. HE CARES FOR A THIRSTY LAMB.

MOSES IS NOT SIMPLY A WISE, LEARNED AND PIOUS MAN. HE'S THE MAN WHO EXEMPLIFIES STANDING UP FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED SUPPORT.

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 2

NAME:

TOGETHER, THESE FOUR LETTERS, YUD, HEY, VAV AND HEY SPELL OUT GOD'S

HOSHEA/ JOSHUA- THE LETTER YUD

YESER/ YISRO - THE LETTER VAV

SARAI/ SARAH- THE LETTER HEY

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HBD

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