

Nageela

Shabbos

SEASON 1, EPISODE 41

HAVE A

A Kid Friendly Torah Magazine by Nageela West Coast

DVAR TORAH

Split Personality by Rabbi Dani Locker

Moses gets a lot of attention in the Torah. His name is mentioned over 600 times! Yet we know that after all of his great acts of leadership, scholarship and sea-splitting (or sea splitting so they wouldn't need a ship), it was his student Joshua who ultimately completed the job. Filling the large sandals of Moses (who was rather tall, so he probably actually had large sandals) could not have been easy. Before he died, Moses imparted some advice to his protegee. "Be strong and resolute, for it is you who shall go WITH this people into the land..." Going WITH the people is advice to listen to the people and work with them. Specifically, the elders and scholars. Make use of them and listen to them. Interestingly enough, when God spoke directly to Joshua, he used different wording. He told Joshua, "You shall BRING the nation in..." This indicates to bring them forcefully. Hit them over their heads if necessary (Rashi's words, not mine).

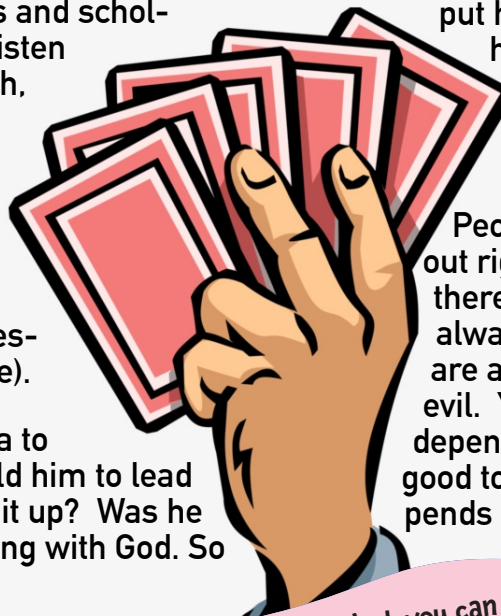
Why would Moses tell Joshua to listen to advice, while God told him to lead forcefully? Did Moses make it up? Was he wrong? He couldn't be arguing with God. So why the discrepancy?

Rabbi Y.Z. Soloveichik, the famed Rabbi of Brisk (no, not the tea), explains that both Moses and Joshua were multitasking. They had more than one job! One was the job of the Chief Justice. The head of the Sanhedrin. The other job was that of King. Though they wore no crowns and would never appear in a deck of cards (as far as I know), they were functionally kings of the Jewish people. A Judge can't judge alone. He needs to listen, discuss and deliberate with the other judges and wise people. Moses gave Joshua the best advice as a Chief Justice. Listen to advice. God was appointing Joshua to be King, and in that capacity, there are times a king must put his foot down, or hit people over the head (which would make him the King of Clubs). They were not arguing, simply describing different aspects of his duty.

People are constantly trying to figure out right and wrong, good and evil. True, there are some things that are truly, always good or consistently evil. Pickles are always good. Red Vines are always evil. Yet there are other traits that really depend on the situation. Hey Joshua, is it good to be forceful or gentle? Well, it depends on what hat I'm wearing today!

Is a king need-

Did Jew know that you can sponsor a week of Nageela Shabbos?
Would YOU consider sponsoring an episode?



ed, or a judge? We wear lots of different hats, too. Every one of us is several of the following: Child, parent, sibling, student, teacher, friend, spouse, coach, athlete, tutor, enemy, neighbor, partner, mentor. In every interaction, instead of just doing what feels convenient or comfortable for us at the time, we should examine and think, "What is my role in this situation?" Is it the right time to be a supportive friend, or to give advice? Should I

What is my role right now?

listen to what my partner says in this scenario, or do I have to put my foot down?" Like Joshua, we can and should judge each situation based on our role. Then you'll be beloved (by the people and God). Hey, is that a King of Hearts?

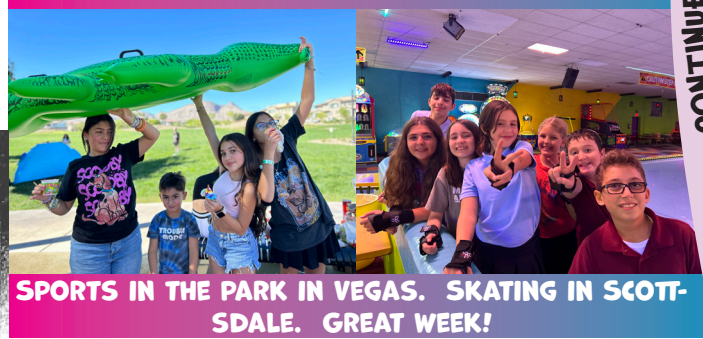
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

STICK WITH TRSU

STICKER DROP

MONDAY

SEPT 11	DEC 4	MAR 4
OCT 9	JAN 8	APRIL 8
NOV 6	FEB 5	MAY 6



STICKER DROP THIS WEEK IN LAS VEGAS!

JR LATTE N LEARN THIS WEDNESDAY AT YOGURTINI IN SCOTTSDALE!

LOS ANGELES KICKOFF SPET 20

SHOW UP AT THE JEWNIDA NCSV PROGRAM ON THE ABOVE DATES TO RECEIVE YOUR CUSTOM STICKER! WATER BOTTLE WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT YOUR FIRST STICKER EVENT. NESVERS WHO HAVE A COMPLETE SET AT FINAL DATE WILL GET A BONUS PRIZE!

PARK CITY BOWLING KICKOFF OCT 15

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2023



LOCKER

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,

#247

**Watered
Down**

I've recently started learning about Judaism. There is so much to learn! I'm a little bit worried, because I keep learning about the right way to do things, but there's so much I still don't know! How can I possibly keep all the commandments if I still have years to learn about them all?

Thanks,

Sharon Low

Dear S Low,

It's awesome that you're learning! It sure can seem like a lot at first. OK, it actually IS a lot. It's important to know your limits and to stay positive about the process. Don't get too stressed out. Here are a couple of ideas that might help (and might answer your question at the same time, if I'm lucky):

Have you ever agreed to something without knowing exactly what you were getting into? It's usually not a great idea, but our ancient ancestors, the Jewish people, did it. When the Jewish people camped at the foot of Mount Sinai and God offered us the Torah, we replied oddly. "We will do, and we'll listen." You know what's odd about that? It's kinda like when your coach says, "Watch me as I teach you this complicated new technique" and you answer, "I'll do the technique and then I'll watch to learn how to do it." What? How does that even make sense?

What it actually means is that the Jewish people were committing fully, "WE WILL DO!" No matter what. Sure, we have to learn, but our commitment to doing whatever we can comes first. When the Jewish people make that commitment, God considers it as if we're already doing even the things we don't know yet! Because He knows we

would do it if we knew how. To God, that's good enough. So the first thing to keep in mind as you grow, is that even though you don't know everything yet, if you're fully committed to learning, and to incorporating the things you learned into your life, then you actually get credit as if you've done every mitzvah under the pickle! I mean the sun!

The second idea comes from Parshas Nit-zavim (yes, this week's Parsha- what a coincidence that I'm writing this answer this week- don't you think?)

The Torah is talking about a person who doesn't care about God's commandments, when it inexplicably uses a very unusual expression (well, I guess it's explicable because I'm about to explicabate it, or explicate it, but it's almost inexplicable), "adding the watered to the thirsty." Here's what that line means according to Rashi. Sometimes people do things wrong without meaning to. They're like a drunk, unthinking person, or 'watered'.



However,

???

**DAYS UNTIL
CNW GIRLS
2024**

???

**DAYS UNTIL
CNW BOYS
2024**

WHEN WILL THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN?

TECHNICALLY, A FIRE TRUCK IS ACTUALLY A WATER TRUCK!

sometimes people do things wrong without a good reason. They are compared to 'thirsty' people, meaning people who haven't had anything to drink. The Torah tells us that sometimes, God counts our unintentional mistakes as if they were on purpose! Uh oh... why would He do that? And why does it use the example of a drunk person rather than just saying 'unintentional?'

There are two different types of 'mistakes.' Some mistakes are really close to unavoidable. There was nothing we could have done, or nearly enough. We tried our best, but we have human failings. We couldn't learn everything there is to learn, and we could not control every human desire. But some mistakes are **TOTALLY** avoidable. Being drunk is the perfect example. Sure, a drunk person can't control themselves very

well, but they chose to put themselves in that situation. The Torah is telling us that even though God is very understanding about unavoidable mistakes, if your mistakes come because you had a chance to learn and you didn't, then that's a watered mistake. It's one you should have been able to avoid and you're held accountable.

So now to answer your question directly: As long as you're learning and putting what you learn into practice, don't sweat about the stuff you haven't learned yet. It will take time and that's OK. You only have to be concerned if you're not trying to learn what to do.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

Jew'nibr NCSJ
HAS A NEW HOME
 Every Monday
 @ Zucker Jewish Academy
 10100 Banbury Cross Dr.

TWEEN NIGHT 4-6 grade	M.S. TEEN NIGHT 7-8 grade
--------------------------	------------------------------

There's more in store for '24!

QUIK FIX

The Torah warns us not to learn from the disgusting habits of the surrounding nations. It uses several unflattering adjectives to describe the idol worship and deviant behaviors they practiced.

Since these nations surrounded us (they were the ancient inhabitants of the land of Israel), we might be tempted to learn from them.

Even though the Torah just got through explaining how repulsive these actions are. Even though we might look at them and feel sick because their worship is so foreign and disturbing... still, the things we see can always have an influence upon us. Even the things we think we disapprove of. Just seeing them influences our relationship to these actions and make us more likely to eventually accept them.

LOLZ

NO MATTER HOW KIND YOU THINK YOU ARE...

YIDDISH SPEAKING CHILDREN WILL ALWAYS BE KINDER!

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. SEND YOUR JOKES IN TO DLOCKER@NAGEELAWEST.ORG

READ OVER 250 EPISODES IN OUR ARCHIVES BY SCANNING THE CODE BELOW



Happy Birthday wishes to the following:

Leah Kantrowitz
 Tamar Orgel
 Noam Goldman
 Jordan Darrison



Nageela Shabbos is a weekly publication of Nageela West Coast, Joyfully Jewish Experiences.
www.nageelawest.org
 801-613-1539