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Avoid ReTale

by Rabbi Dani Locker

juxtaposition

[juhk-stuh-puh-zish-uhn]

noun

an act or instance of placing close together or side by side, especially for comparison or contrast.
the state of being close together or side by side.

Juxtaposition. What a fun word. If I didn't know what it meant, I could imagine all kinds of meanings for it...

"What is that yoga pose you're in?"

"I dunno, it's juxtaposition..."

or "It's not that I don't like the senator, I'm juxtaposed to his policies."

Anyway, the great Torah commentator Rashi mentions a juxtaposition in the Torah's storytelling. The beginning of this week's reading tells the tale of people who told a tale. The details entail spies losing their entrails because they tailored their report to curtail the praise of Israel.

with the end of last week's reading, where Miriam also told a tale and was afflicted with a skin condition (though not like Vashti, who grew a tail).

In plain English, last week we spoke of Miriam who complained about her brother Moshe. That wasn't very nice, so she was punished. This week, Moshe sent out 12 spies, or maybe better to describe them as scouts (Thin Mint, anyone?) to check out the land of Israel. Ten of the scouts came back with a negative report. The people who heard the report were nervous and they cried, which showed they didn't trust God. Uncool. What



Candle lighting

Honolulu	6:53
Scottsdale	7:16
San Diego	7:35
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Las Vegas	7:37
Irvine	7:40
Los Angeles	7:43
Reno	8:04
Oakland	8:09
Park City	8:35

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It dovetails

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is the connection between these two stories?

Rashi explains the juxtaposition (LOVE that word!) as follows (my words, Rashi's concept): When we see something in life, it's because God meant us to see it. Not everyone sees everything that happens. Therefore, when we do see something, it is important for us to think about it and learn life lessons from it. If you see a car accident, your job is to learn a lesson and drive more safely. If you hear about someone failing a test, that should be a lesson to study better or pay more attention in class. These spies were present to witness what happened to Miriam because she told tales. Their responsibility was to pay attention to what was going on, learn from that, and not fall into the same mistake. If you're reading this, it's also your responsibility to learn from it (like from everything you experience in life) and try to become a better person and better Jew.

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ISRAEL ADVOCACY EXPERT

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HOW TO REACT WHEN YOU SEE "FREE PALESTINE" ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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to former Nageela West staff member Chaya Gewirtz upon her engagement!

to Isaac Chapman who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last week!

to Nageela Midwest Assistant Director Rivki Cherrick upon her engagement!

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GOD HAS PROMISED US THE LAND OF CANAAN. WHY ARE YOU SPIES AFRAID FOR US TO ENTER?

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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.

Note: 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.

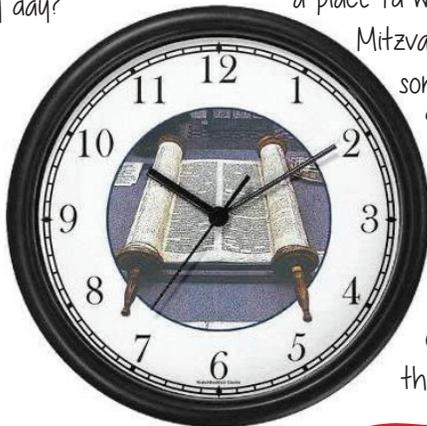


#174 Spiritual Hydration

Hi Rabbi,

I had my bar mitzvah on a Monday. That's probably unusual. The rabbi explained to us that Torah is only read on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Since we didn't want to do a Shabbat service, we did it on Memorial Day and had a morning Torah reading that was pretty short. Why those days? Why do we read Torah during the week and not just Shabbat? And if we need to do it during the week, why not every day?

Thank you,
Damon
Week-enfeld



Dear Week, Day,

Mazel Tov on your Bar Mitzvah! You've probably never heard of a place called Refidim. I imagine Google maps won't be very helpful either. It's a place in the desert where our ancestors stopped during our loooooooooooooooooooooong journey from Egypt to the promised land of Israel. It wasn't a good place for us. There wasn't water and bad stuff happened- I won't go into it here (not a place I'd want to book for my Bar Mitzvah party). The Torah says something interesting: "And they traveled 3 days and found no water... and the people complained." The Talmud tells us in many places that Torah is compared to water (mostly in that it's absolutely necessary

for life). Not finding water for three days hints to not studying Torah for three days. Because the people were busy traveling (and also because it was the playoffs and they had other things on their mind) they had skipped their regular Torah study. Threee days without Torah study is bad for your spiritual and mental health, and so all the problems happened. Our great leader Moses, wanting to avoid this ever happening again, instituted torah readings every three days. Well, he would have, but since there are 7 days in the week, it couldn't actually be every three days. Reading Torah Monday, Thursday and Saturday ensure that we never go three days without a public Torah study of some kind. Yup, that's how long we've been reading Torah Mondays and Thursday. Since Moses! Conveniently, in ancient times, Mondays

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Stump the Rabbi

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and Thursdays were often market days. People who lived in small villages or out in the country could go to the big city to do business. Since small villages may not have had a Torah or a minyan, it was convenient to have Torah readings on Monday and Thursday so these travelers could take advantage and hear the Torah being read while in the city. Since we use an annual rotation, finishing the Torah every year with the Shabbat readings, what is left to read on the week-days? We read the first ten (or so) sentences of the coming Shabbat's portion (originally it was just three sentences, but Ezra kicked it up

to ten). It's basically a movie trailer. {insert deep movie trailer narrator voice here} "In the desert, nothing is as it seems. 12 spies rise up to scout the promised land. Just how good is it? Is it safe to conquer, or will the land eat its inhabitants? Shelach, playing this Saturday at a synagogue near you. Rated P for Prophetic."

Other week-days with Torah readings include Chanukah, Kosh Chodesh (first day or two of each Jewish month), and fast days.

Have a Nageela Shabbat,



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the Rabbi



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OUCH! GRRRRROAAAN!

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Best wishes to our friends and family members celebrating this week...

Corben Slater
Zachary Gray
Solomon Peters
Akiva Taubenblatt

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