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# Nageela Shabbos

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## Win, Lose or Bellyache

by Rabbi Dani Locker

“Mom, can I please get ice cream? Please? Please?”

Madison’s mother sighed and answered her daughter for the seventh time in as many minutes.

“Honey, you know that your stomach is sensitive to dairy. Every time you have ice cream, your stomach gets terribly upset with you. It might even start talking soon.”

“C’mon Mom! Don’t be so mean! Why don’t you ever let me do what I want? I want ice cream. It looks soooo good! Can I pleeeeeeze have it?”

“May you”

“Fine. MAY I please have it?”

Madison’s mother stopped walking and turned once more to face her insistent child. “I’ll tell you what, Maddy. You’re a big girl. You know that if you have the ice cream you won’t feel great, and it might ruin your day. That’s your choice. Have the ice cream if you want.”

“THANK YOU MOMMY, YOU’RE THE BEST MOTHER IN THE WHOME WIDE WORLD!”

A few minutes later, Madison strolled happily along, licking the remains of

her cone, grinning widely. And then it started. First a little queasiness, then an uneasy rumbling. Then a whole day of truly unhappy bellyache.

“MOM!” wailed Madison, as she lay curled up on a couch later that night. “I asked you if it was OK to have the ice cream and you said I could have it. Why did you say it was OK if you knew it would make me unhappy!”

Story over, but I think y’all realize that we all do this. A lot. Our parents, and teachers, and the wisdom of the Torah guide us in life. They give us advice on what things will lead us to more meaningful lives and what things

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will ultimately make us unsatisfied. Then, we get to make our own choices. They might be the right choices, but sometimes they're not. God doesn't force us to do the right thing. We deal with the fallout from our own mistakes.

**T**here was this really impressive dude named Billam. His friends might have called him Billy. But probably not. Anyway, Billam, who actually had conversations with God, wanted to curse the Jews. God told him, "No- go Billy. You'll get a donkey ache (or a billy-ache?)." He kept on asking until God said, "Fine. Do what you want. The results won't change."

**T**his is our lesson. We get to make our own choices- that's a lot of freedom. But that also means we have to take responsibility for how our choices turn out.



**The Camp Nageela West Grand Tour 2018 is underway! In just the first couple of days, our road trip has visited two national parks, had night swimming, cliff jumping, canyon-side horseback riding, BBQ, rodeo visit, and the incredible narrows water hike!**

**We're getting ready for a chilled and inspiring Shabbos here in Hurricane, UT. If you want to follow all the action throughout the GT, you can follow us on Facebook, YouTube and Google+ by searching for Nageela West.**



## VERY PUNNY

**I once passed near the cemetery of a small town and they were having an auction for coffins.**

**I wanted to buy one, but it was more bid.**

Ouch. Have a better pun?  
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**MON, JULY 16**  
GIRLS CAMP  
END ICE-  
CREAM PARTY!

**WED, JULY 18**  
BOYS CAMP  
ROAD TRIP  
START DATE

## Happy Birthday!

to Nageela family members celebrating their birthdays this week!

**Avi Gewirtz  
Netanel Gazala  
Aaron Polonsky**

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