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Together they huddled around their small fire, staying as close as they could. After the plane crash, after spending nearly a week lost in

the jungle, they were frightened. Five of them sat nervously around the flames, hoping desperately that the fire would keep animals away. Twice already, they had heard growls that did not sound like any bunny rabbit. Lion? Wolf pack? Solar panel salesman? They were not sure what creature (or creatures) stalked them in the dark, but they kept a careful watch, kept their children close, and prepared to use sticks, rocks or battered luggage to fight off any beast.

Only Jeff seemed unconcerned. The rest of the wary and weary travelers were amazed at Jeff's bravery.

Every time a frightening noise caused them all to cringe or hug each other more tightly, Jeff seemed to completely ignore the noises. He sat with the same stony face he'd worn for their entire journey. Nothing seemed to bother him at all. When the captain had announced they were out of food, Jeff didn't react. When there was an explosion in the distance, Jeff

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How Brave are You?

by Rabbi Dani Locker

one who did not dive into the trees.

He was truly brave. A fearless man. A...

"Jeff?" someone asked. "How are you so brave? Why do you not fear the wild beasts and sounds in the night?"

"Jeff?"

"JEFF!"

Jeff was not particularly brave. Jeff had his hearing damaged in the crash. He might have been scared of growls, but he heard nothing but a dull ringing. Everyone assumed he was tough-

er than the dangers which abounded in the jungle, but really he was just oblivious.

We blow shofar on Rosh Hashana (and other times- see this week's Stump the Rabbi). We pray loudly, and we punch ourselves in the chest during the Yom Kippur prayers. Yet for many of us, it's just stuff we do. Shofar should shake



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us out of our comfortable lives and make us move. The vidui, where we admit our mistakes, should be accompanied with emotion, with trepidation and maybe even some change. We come into the new year with joy and with confidence.

Are Our job is simply to clean out our ears

we brave? Are we confident that we have done everything we need to do to have an amazing new year?

Or are we just deaf?

Here's what I plan on trying to do this Yom Kippur: Cleaning out my ears.



PICKLE

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2023

Worried? No way! Those other guys weren't worthy. They bought the honor from the Romans. I'm a true tzaddik!



FE: For hundreds of years during the Roman occupation of Israel, the position of High Priest was a political privilege often bought from Roman officials by the highest bidder. This usually resulted in the death of the 'privileged' priest during the Yom Kippur service. This happened around 300 years in a row! I've always been amazed that each new candidate thought he would be different!



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.

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30/7/1

During the entire past month, I've appreciated hearing the shofar just about every morning. I understand that shofar is about awakening us to be better and to repent. If so, why do we STOP blowing shofar during the days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur? Shouldn't we use whatever tools we have?

Thanks,

Sholom F. Argon

Dear ShoFar Gone.

Great thinking! You're right that some of the key concepts involved with shofar blowing are about inspiring us to wake up and return to God.

Let me pause to give some background for our readers. You know that we blow the shofar on Rosh Hashana (usually for 2 days, except when the first day is Shabbos in which case we only blow the second day). You might or might not know that the shofar is also blown most days for a whole month before Rosh Hashana! After the morning service each day during the month of Ellul, except Shabbos and the day before Rosh Hashana, we do a

shortened version of the shofar blowing. So why not do in the week between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur? I'll make your question a little stronger, too. According to some sources,

the reason for shofar blowing during the month of Ellul is to remember the third and final time Moses climbed up Mount Sinai, to get the replacement tablets (they were still

under warranty, it seems). He started his trip on the first day of Ellul, and was accompanied by shofar sounds. According to this, we should definitely blow during this week, because Moses' 40 day trip went all the

way until Yom Kippur! So why don't we?

I read some advice for first time marathon runners. No, I don't plan on running a marathon any time soon, but I thought the strategy was worth sharing. Marathons are really long and hard. This method is called the 10/10/10 method and it splits a marathon into three parts: The first 10 miles, the second 10 miles and the last 10K (for those who need further explanation, these aren't even thirds, and 10K isn't the same as 10 miles. A marathon is 26.2 miles, which is the same as 20 miles plus 10 kilometers). The strategy involves changing your running strategy for the three parts of the race. "Run the first 10 miles with your head, the next 10 miles with your training,

and the last 10K with your heart."
They suggest taking the first 10 miles as a warm up, the next ten to get into a serious rhythm, and then the final 10K is where you put everything into it.

While the goal of all the high holidays is to get us on the right path toward living a more meaningful, cleaner and holier life, it's a long and hard marathon, and there are different stages of that process. The month of Ellul and Rosh Hashana are really the warmup. They get us prepared,

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WE SWING CHICKENS OVER OUR HEADS, THROW SINS TO THE FISH, ALL TO AVOID HAVING BEEF.

thinking about God as King, inspiring ourselves and thinking about big changes. The time between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is when we get into the rhythm of living our best lives. We step up our game, do more mitzvos and study more Torah. Yom Kippur itself is the final sprint where we put our heart, soul and all our effort in, pushing ourselves to our limit in a way that we could not possibly do for more than a day. I suppose it's the 30/7/1 plan.

There may be other approaches to the differences between Ellul and the Aseres Yemei Teshuva, yet the key to remember is that different tools are used for different parts of the 'teshuva' improvement process.

Have a Nageela Shabbos.

WALKING HOME FROM SHUL ON YOM KIPPUR. THE RABBI SEES A JEW EATING A BURGER IN MCDONALDS! THE RABBI RUNS INSIDE AND ASKS THE FELLOW, "DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S A FAST DAY?"

HE CALMLY LOOKS AT THE RABBI. POINTS TO HIS BURGER - AND EXPLAINS IN A SLOW. PATIENT VOICE.

"RABBI, THIS IS FAST FOOD!"

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We ask that you join us this High Holiday season to help us start the new Jewish year on a clean slate. Your meaningful contribution between now and Yom Kippur will allow us to continue engaging children and teens in meaningful, immersive Jewish experiences.



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