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A Kid Friendly Torah Magazine by nageela West Coast

DVAR TORAH

Who does the president work for?

That's right, he works for me. It's kind of frustrating, because I've called his office several times (why is it an oval, BTW? What a random shape!) and he hasn't come to fix my sink yet. Maybe he's just bad at his job. Still, it is true that all people in public office (at least in a democratically elected government) work for the citizens of their country, state or local area. That's why the people vote to hire them and vote to fire them. Actually, anyone at any job has to know who they work for.

If you've ever been to a hospital, the doctors and nurses may get paid by the hospital or insurance company, but those companies get paid by the patients. Ultimately the doctor works for you. So here's my question. Our holy temple in Jerusalem had many people with important jobs there. You may have heard of the 'kohanim' the religious

leaders, all from the family of Aaron, who were responsible for performing the Temple service, sacrificing the animals and stuff like that. There were also the 'Leviim' or Levites, who were in charge of the musical accompaniment, gate duty and other important jobs. There were also cleaners, craftsmen and probably pickle makers. Who did they work for?

Did they serve the people? Did they serve God?

The Talmud asks this question and doesn't come out with a clear answer (see Tosafos to Yoma 19b, if you wanna).

I was pretty shocked to hear that. I mean, isn't it obvious that the temple service is literally serving God? Why is there even a discussion about whether the temple employees might be working for us?

Employment

by Rabbi Dani Locker

HBD

We're a bit behind, so we'd like to wish a happy birthday to our JUNE Bdays:

- Brandon Zucker
- Liel Azouz
- Zachary Gray
- Corben Slater
- (Alex) Rivera
- Solomon Peters
- Aharon Semel
- Ethan Friedman
- Zachary Sefia
- Liana Shamoil
- Neori Jacobi
- Eitan Bitton
- David Saul

- Isaac Chapman
- Ian Boyd
- Elisabeth Kac
- Joelle Shlasinger
- Zvi Sudranski
- Timothy Wheeler
- Tehila David
- Ahnyela Williams
- Leedor Boblil
- Ranit Stockman
- Meira Borsody
- Bill Visner

- Abigail Boyd
- Ben Pheibush
- Aliza Roth
- Aviel Ben yehuda
- Bar'el Gazala
- Joe Perry
- Harrison Clayton
- Elioenai Jones
- Bayla Winograd

I think there's an important difference here between how Judaism views serving God and how others look at it. Some people might imagine there's some power hungry deity who needs prayers and sacrifices. That's not how it works. God doesn't need our prayers and God doesn't need our sacrifices. They're there so that we can become better, more connected, Godly people. For Kohanim to bring offerings without us getting involved would be mostly pointless. Their job is to help US connect to God, for our own benefit. So even though the Kohanim and the Levites may work 'for God,' they also work for us to connect to God.

So who do I work for?

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PICKLE JEWS



What does God ask of you?
Barely anything!

Just to fear him!
That's it!

Oh, and also to go in all his ways,
to love Him, and to serve Him...

with all your heart and soul...

Umm, don't forget
keep his commandments...

and his decrees that are not understandable... and...

oh... is that all?

LOCKER

DID JEW KNOW THAT IT'S APPROPRIATE TO RECITE 100 BLESSINGS EACH DAY?

THE TALMUD USES A SENTENCE IN THIS WEEK'S PARSHA TO TEACH THIS TO US. THE PARSHA SAYS, "WHAT DOES GOD ASK FROM YOU?" THE HEBREW WORD USED FOR 'WHAT' IS 'MAH' WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO 'MEAH,' THE WORD FOR 100. '100, GOD ASKS FROM YOU.' HERE'S THE EASY WAY TO MAKE IT TO 100:

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