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Music Piracy by Rabbi Dani Locker

Can I tell you a story about a king? You know what, let's skip that. How about a talking car lost in the desert? Nah. That's been done. Maybe a story about a princess? Disney has way overused that genre.

Instead, I'll tell you a story about a country singer, because why not?

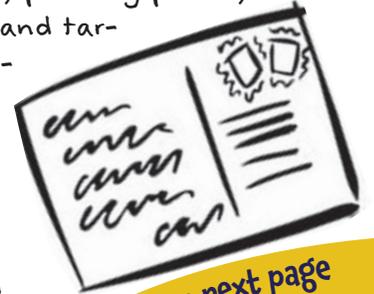
Kyle spent most of his time on the road. He'd tour with his band up and down the Mississippi, back and forth along the plains, and in and out of town after rural town, wherever he had a hankerin' to roam.

Yet each day, he made sure to call his parents. No matter where he was, or how far he was from a city, he made sure to find a pay phone (this story must be thousands of years old) or knock on a stranger's door and use their home phone. He never missed a day. Kyle also made sure to never miss a birthday or holiday at home (especially important country

There will be a 'Nageela Shana' coming out before Yom Kippur, so today, please enjoy a shortened version

music holidays like the CMA Music Festival or the Heartland Stampede). He was the model son. He sent back quaint postcards of the small towns he visited ("Thinkin' of ya down in Boulderville" or "Sending a wink from Monkey's Eyebrow, Kentucky"). He and his parents were a truly happy family. Then the pirates struck.

Y'all might not know this obscure fact, but hidden in the plains of the south are vicious gangs of country music pirates. With their dreaded flag flying (a skull and crossed banjos), they would raid musicians' tour busses, grabbing guitar picks, pilfering picolos, filching fiddles and targeting tambourines. Sometimes they would abduct a country singer, and subject him to months of



Candle lighting

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torture by strapping on head phones and making him listen to hip hop or opera.

Well, one day they came for Kyle. The dread pirate Bobby abducted Kyle and his band. Month after month, these stalwart bards were subjected to torturous tunes. Kyle's parents were beside themselves. After he had missed his mother's birthday, they began to panic and hired private investigators to find their lost son. It took a long time, but after a total of 10 months of imprisonment, they managed to locate him, bribe Bobby with a vintage Flaco



Jiménez' Hohner Corona II Accordion and secure Kyle's release. Kyle's parents were so happy, it's like they were livin' in high cotton!

His first holiday back home was the annual Stagecoach festival, and as the family sat around the bonfire, they were so overcome with joy at Kyle's safe return that they composed a song:



This morning, a book fell on my head.

I only have myself to blame.

OUCH! GRRRRROAAN!

Have a better joke and want a shoutout in Nageela Shabbos? Just email it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

Our son, our son, is home at last

Them terrible times are in the past

So swing around and whoop with joy!

We've got back our Kyle boy!

I'll spare

you the rest of the lyrics. They were truly moving. What's my point? My point? Oh, yeah. Though Kyle's family always appreciated their time together and were about as close as a country family could be, their joy at this Stagecoach festival was unmatched. Ne'er before had they spontaneously composed ballads of happiness. They now felt so much more closeness to their son and gladness over his return, because of the terrible debacle he had undergone and because of their long separation.

This week on the Jewish calendar (the Shabbos between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur) is called Shabbos Shuva- the Shabbat of return. But what if we've really been gone a long time? What if we have been away for God for so long that we haven't called or written in ages? What if we haven't shown up for holidays or Shabbats? Whatever our personal 'dread pirate Bobby's' are, there are real challenges that pull us away from our relationship with God. The fact remains that when we decide to come back, the joy we feel and the joy God feels is even greater than it would have been. This message can be one of empowerment for us. No matter what has happened in the past, God is gonna be thrilled when we finally come home to Him. He might even write a song. Actually, He already did; we just have to try to hear it.

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NEWS & UPDATES

This Sunday, the Park City NCSY & Jewnior NCSY kickoff event at LAGOON amusement park.

THIS WEEK, LV Jewnior LNL. NageeLatte will take place at Uswirl. Regular times.

LA- City Jewnior LNL will be meeting this week on Tuesday evening.

Pre-registration is open for summer 2022 at nageelawest.org

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