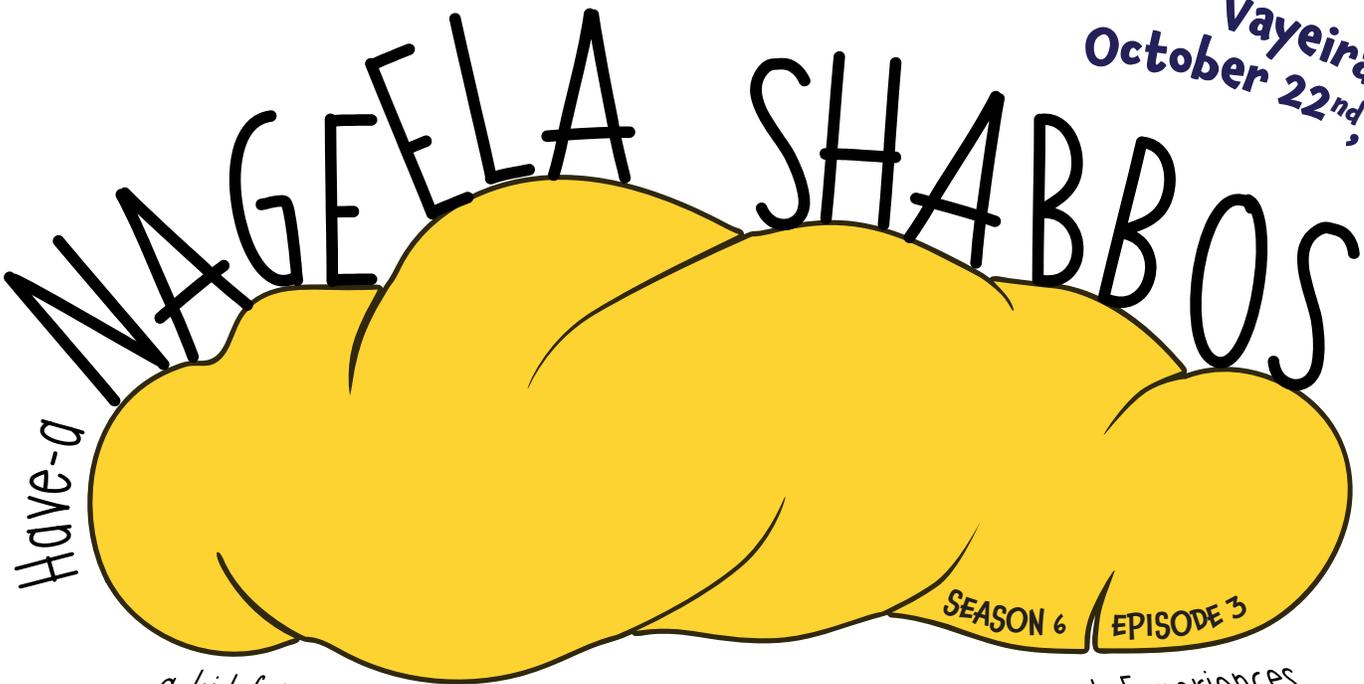


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Anti- Gravity Pizza

by Rabbi Dani Locker

God was going to destroy the 5 cities in the Sodom region. Yet before doing so, God decided it was important to tell Abraham, so he could pray for the cities. Abraham prayed hard, yet the cities were not saved. So if God knew He wasn't going to save the cities, why bother making Abraham pray for something that wasn't going to happen?

section with portable jetpacks and hang gliders, and now was headed over to the seriously complicated inventions.

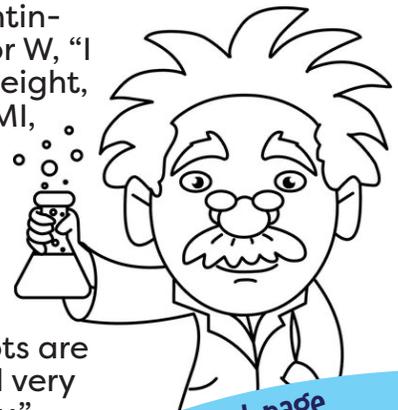
"These are anti- gravity boots, but so much more. They generate a magnetic field that will repel attacks, car crashes and solar salesmen. We highly recommend you get them for your whole family."

"I have a 14 year old son. Can I get one for him, please?" asked Agent Pineapple (don't ask me why he has such a weird name, that's just his name).

"Well," continued Doctor W, "I need his height, weight, BMI, white blood cell count and shoe size and width.

These boots are calibrated very specifically."

Agent Pine-



"On this side of the lab, you'll find our stealth technology. That vial contains a chemical that will turn you invisible for up to one day. And... ooo... don't touch that. It emits an electromagnetic pulse that will shut off all security systems, and disable all my What's App chats."

Doctor W was excited to show off all his new tech to the pair of secret agents. He had begun with clandestine listening devices, continued to the



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apple looked disappointed. "I guess I'll try to get you that info, but it might take a while."

His partner, Agent Pizza (I KNOW, pineapple and pizza should not be partners... in truth, they didn't work very well together) brightened. "I'll take 8 pairs in random sizes."

"WHAT? The good doctor just said they need to be precise!"

"That's true..." Agent Pizza scratched his chin. "But I have 17 children of all different shapes and sizes. Boots in random sizes are bound to fit some of them sooner or later."

other reason we don't get the result we want. How do we feel? We should not get discouraged, and our story about Abraham explains why:

God knew that Abraham's prayers would not save the people of Sodom. They were not worthy of being saved. Yet God still wanted Abraham to bring those special prayers into the world, because of Abraham's own children.

As Agent Pizza would have put it, if the prayers don't fit Sodom, Abraham was going to have many future descendants (that's us, yo!) and those prayers would fit, and help us, sooner or later.

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Abraham's prayers worked for his descendants

Sometimes we pray for something. We really mean it. We really want it. But either our prayers aren't calibrated right, or for some



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Breaking news from the Sodom city council where a new law has just been passed lowering the acceptable height by 1/4 inch. Everyone get ready for a haircut...

And for the weather report, we're expecting... umm... well, folks, you're not gonna believe this...



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.



#182 Standing Room Only

Hi Rabbi,

I walked into a synagogue, grabbed a siddur and sat down. Then some dude came over and said, "This is my _____ (something in Hebrew), which I think means it's his seat." He wasn't mean about it, but it definitely made me uncomfortable. First of all, is that like a Jewish law thing, to have an assigned seat, or is this guy just OCD? If it's a thing, could you please explain it? Second of all, is it appropriate to kick someone out?



Thanks,

Stanley Dingrum

Dear Stan Dingrum,

I'm sorry you got kicked out of the seat! The phrase this 'dude' used was probably "Makom Kavuah" which (as you correctly guessed) means it's his set spot. And yes, there is a reason for it.

Just before God annihilated the wicked cities of Sodom and Vegas (jussst kid-ding. I hope.), Abraham prayed for them (it is pretty amazing that Abraham had such concern for the people who diametrically opposed all he believed and promoted).

The prayers clearly did not accomplish Abraham's intended goal, as the 5 cities of the Sodom area were completely destroyed. What did Abraham do? The Torah says, "And Abraham arose early in the morning [after Sodom's destruction] to the [same] place where he had stood." Despite the apparent failure of his prayers (if you read this week's Dvar Torah, you'd know it wasn't a true failure), Abraham didn't switch spots, rather he returned to the same area. The laws of

prayers state that it's appropriate to be like Abraham and have a set place to pray. However, it's interesting to think about the reason. Here's one approach:

Interestingly enough, Bilam, the evil sorcerer (how many horcruxes do you think he had?) attempted a few times to curse the Jewish people, yet his curses ended up as positive blessings for us. What was Bilam's response after each failure? The OPPOSITE of Abraham's. Every time he failed, he switched spots. Bilam did what lots of people do. When something goes wrong, they blame a circumstance. "We lost because the ref was terrible." "I didnt do good on the speellingh test because my english teacher is enkompitint." Abraham knew better. He did his best. He failed. The next day he was going to go back and try his hardest again. This is one of the things it's important for us to focus on during prayer. Consistency. We come back day after day, and if we haven't yet been successful, we keep trying, and we don't blame the result on the lighting, the shaky table, or the proximity to more containers

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of hand sanitizer.

So far we have established that it is actually an important thing to sit in the same spot in the synagogue. The fact that this guy has a set seat doesn't mean he's OCD. However, I think it's pretty clear that it's not a good enough reason to hurt someone's feelings or make them feel unwelcome. I don't think he should have asked you to move. He could have gotten another seat and come earlier next time. Another point is that the 'makom kavuah' doesn't have to be the same exact spot to the millimeter. Praying within 6-7 feet of your regular spot certainly counts as the same spot.

I'm glad you made it to the synagogue! Maybe it's time to consider getting a set seat for yourself. Just don't kick anyone out of it, please.

Have a Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

MORAL DILEMMAS

MORAL DILEMMAS is a new feature for season 6. In it we'll bring up a real word question. It's our hope that you will discuss it with your family and friends and send your ideas to stump@nageelawest.org. We hope to publish great answers in next week's episode.

Scenrario #2

You receive information (for example scientific information, or test answers) that was gotten in an immoral way (medical info gotten through human testing, test answers by stealing them).

Is it morally wrong to use that info, or should you try to use it for good? What if it could save lives?



Pete:

"I'm tired because I stayed up all night playing on my iPad."

Steve:

"There's a nap for that."

OUCH! GROAN!

Do you have a better joke? I sure hope so! Send it to dlocker@nageelawest.org



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