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The strangest thing happened
to me the other day.
Someone told me it was foggy
outside.

But I must have mist it.

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Phoenix 7:23
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Las Vegas 7:43
Los Angeles 7:50
Lake Tahoe 8:11

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Stump The Rabbi

Lead, Follow, or eat pickles



Hi Rabbi,

I watch the news. I know, weird for a teenage boy. But I care about what goes on in the world. Every day there's another scandal where we find out that some government official did something wrong. I don't mean where they stole from the people or, like, rigged election results. I mean personal stuff that they did in their private life. OK. That definitely means they're not amazing people, but why do people care so much? Is it important for our leaders to be great people, or just great at what they do?

Thanks,

Shawn Kendal

Dear S. Kendal,

I just drank 33.81 ounces of coffee. Does that make me an energetic liter?

[Oh no. He's starting again!]

What makes a good leader, aside from, obviously, having the ability to get the job done right?

Let's look at three examples the Torah gives us of leaders. The first is the story of the twelve scouts Moses sent to check out the land of Israel. They were all great men. Scholars, wise, kind and all the good traits you'd expect to find in a leader. Yet they were afraid they'd lose their positions of power if the Jews entered Israel, and they let their fear control them. Pretty soon the entire Jewish nation began crying, and following their leaders' examples, lost faith in God's power and promise.

In this case, the greed of great leaders caused a serious problem in their ability to lead the people properly.

Next, we have Zimri, who was a tribal
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leader for the Jewish people while wandering in the desert. He gave in to his 'less than pure' desires, and did some things that were extremely immoral. He might have been a capable leader of his tribe. They probably had good tax laws, an effective sanitation department, and wonderful fireworks for July 4th. Yet, his actions caused his people to make poor choices, following their leader. That's what people do.

When Moses neared the end of his life, it was time to choose someone to take over for him. God instructed him to give the job to Joshua. It wasn't enough for Moses to announce that Joshua would take over, though. He had to actually have Joshua begin teaching during Moses' life! Even though everyone knew that Joshua was a skilled military leader, and had been chosen by God, it was still important for him to publicly teach, so that people would know he wasn't only a great leader, but a great scholar as well. You see, it's not enough to be simply a good leader, or a talented coach. Every person in a leadership position is automatically a role model. Knowing that their leader was also a great man of learning would help the people respect him, learn from him, and become the best they could be.

You can be Joe Bob Kevin III and be a simple person, but the minute you take a position of leadership you become a role model!

We learn from these examples that leadership is not simply about using organizational skills to get stuff done. A leader really should be someone we can look up to in every way.

People learn from leaders, even if that's not really their job. That's why so many Nageela campers end up drinking pickle juice frequently. Sorry about that, Mom and Dad.

A leader's job is to try to be the best role model possible. As people who aren't yet leaders, one of our jobs is to try our hardest to only use the positive lessons we are taught, and to realize that leaders are just human, and liters are just liquid.

Have - a- Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

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



About halfway through our first session, and Nageela Grand Tour is a massive success! Who knew a group of kids and staff could have 50 much energy? We've just completed almost a full week in Big Bear, CA, and are looking forward to an inspiring Shabbos in Los Angeles. Next week, Lake Havasu, the London Bridge, the Grand Canyon and more!

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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!

Maya Elezra
Liddor Bega
Kaylie Hollander
Eitan Lugasi
Rosie Polonsky

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