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**Shabbos**

SEASON 1, EPISODE 31

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2023  
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273<sup>rd</sup>  
EPISODE

## DVAR TORAH

Some companies do some really interesting things to keep their workers happy. Some

are obvious, like giving employee discounts or not punching them. Some are more creative, like having video games available for employees, providing massage and yoga services, giving out ice cream, mid-day surfing or allowing workers to bring their pets. My favorite one is 'not making your workers do their job.'

There are loads of Torah rules about how Jews have to treat other Jews who work for them. The Torah does not ever allow a Jew to mistreat their 'slaves' (slave being a really bad mistranslation for someone who works for 6 years and gets treated with kindness). Though we're not required to install ping pong tables or swimming pools at our offices, a Jewish 'slave' owner is required to give his slave a bed at least as comfortable as his own. There was a challenge, though. There were people who were not Jewish who owned Jewish slaves. They might not follow Torah rules about proper employee treatment. What can we do about them?

"Don't let someone mistreat his slave in front of you." That's something the Torah tells us in this

## Employee Perks

by Rabbi Dani Locker

week's

Torah portion, and it refers to a Non-Jewish slave owner who owns a Jewish slave. Why does the Torah specify that we shouldn't let him mistreat his slave 'in front of us?' This guy isn't Jewish, doesn't follow Torah law, and therefore we may not be able to control what he does inside his house. He might do terrible things to his slave, like give him the bad pillow, serve him Red Vines, or worst of all, decaf. Maybe even worse things. There might not be anything we can do about that. The Torah says that the things we can control- how they're treated in public- those we are required to regulate.

There's an important lesson. There are so many problems in the world. It's easy to get discouraged because we can't fix them all. You might not be able to prevent poverty, improve the educational system, or cure all the diseases. It's human nature to be like, "Well, I can't do anything really effective about this, so I'm out." The Torah's guidance encourages us to change whatever small amount we can. You can't fix this slave's life? At least ease it somewhat. You can't prevent poverty? Help one person with one meal. That's the way to live our lives, and that's the way to make the world better, one ice cream cone at a time.

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**BBQ, MUSIC, PRIZES**  
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**7:00 PM**  
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**8:00 PM**  
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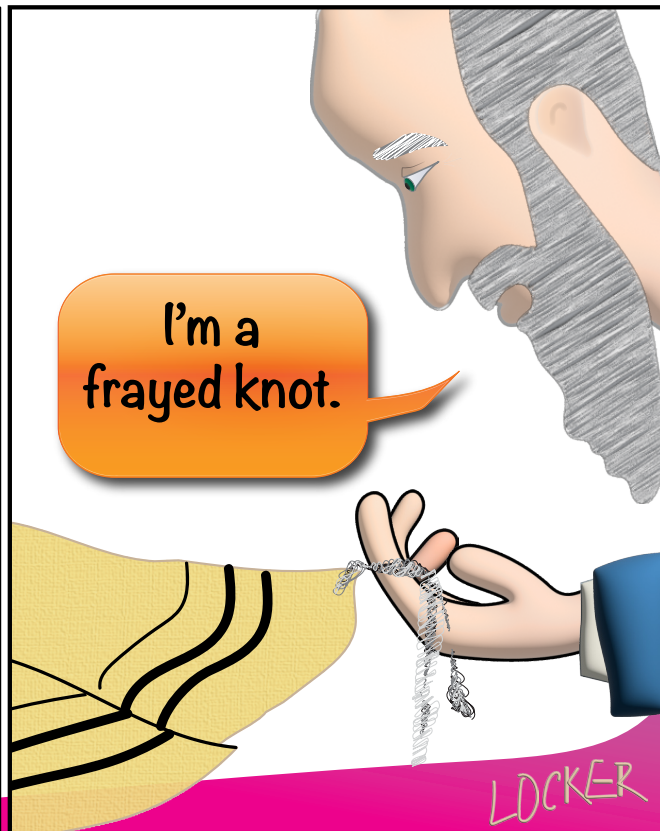
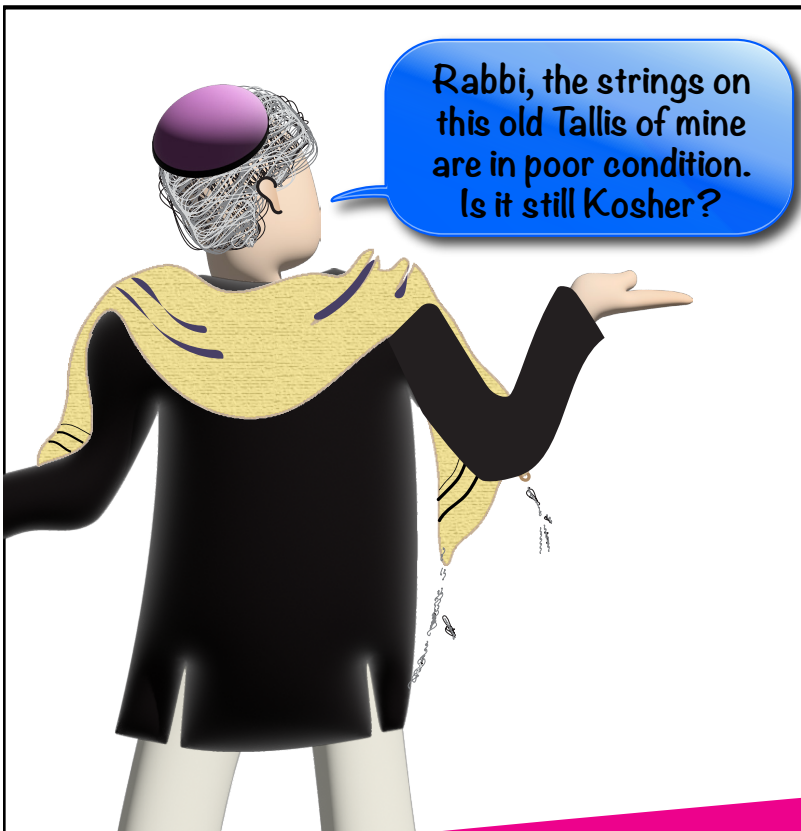
## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

OK, HERE IS A FUN ONE.  
 WHAT MITZVAH IS SIMILAR TO SHAVUOS, ROSH HASHANA, YOM KIPPUR & PASSOVER AND IS RELATED TO PHILADELPHIA?  
 EXPLAIN EACH CONNECTION!  
**NO CHEATING**  
 ANSWER ON PAGE 4

# PICKLE JEWS

## GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2023



# STUMP 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](mailto: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,**

**#240**

**Ninja Angels**

**Do angels have free choice? You said (last week) that angels basically do God's will. So can they decide not to? Can they be bad?**

**Thanks,**

**Joyce Fried**

**Dear Fried, Joyce,**

**If you want to determine if angels have free choice, we kind of have to understand what free choice is. So... how do you define free choice? Let's ask Peter. Peter the turtle didn't know what to do. He had a terrible choice. Should he eat the shred of lettuce or the other shred of lettuce? On one hand, errr, not hand. Foot? Flipper? Paw? Walking appendage? On one extremity, he was hungry, and there was a piece of lettuce. On the other metacarpus, he was hungry and there was a piece of lettuce. What to do... what to do...**

**Of course, I grew up believing that turtles ate pizza and lived in the sewer, so you might not trust me on this, but I think Peter will probably choose the lettuce. Is that a choice? Sure, why not? But it isn't a meaningful choice. Even if we decide that one smithereen of leafy nourishment is a different color or shape, not making a huge difference in his choice. So we've determined that turtles don't have free choice. Helpful.**

**Now let's shift from Peter the turtle, to Peter the human. Not a mutant or a ninja either. Just a kid. If you'd offer Peter \$1,000 to cheat on a test, he might do it. It's a tough challenge. His instinct, his desire, his interest in buying the newest gaming**

**system; they're all pushing him toward making the wrong choice. If he makes the difficult but correct choice, he's just lifted weights (\$1,000 in pennies), built muscle and made himself a better, stronger and more emotionally healthy person. He has exercised his free will to GROW. To MOVE. But what if you would offer Peter a billion dollars to eat matzah on Passover. Would he do it? OF COURSE he would do it! One billion percent of the time! Technically he has a choice here, but come on. He doesn't REALLY have a choice. His choices are super obvious and clear, and there's very little about that choice that is meaningful.**

**The Vilna Gaon suggests that angels do have free choice in theory (there are some stories recorded in Midrashic literature about angels who defied God's instructions). However, being heavenly, and close to God and all that, right and wrong is super clear to them. They know that serving God properly is worth way more than a billion dollars. They also don't have the same human**



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**DAYS UNTIL  
CNW GIRLS  
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# DEEP THOUGHTS

## WHY DON'T SHEEP SHRINK WHEN IT RAINS?

desires that make our choices hard. They can choose to do the wrong thing, but they have no reason to! So do angels have free choice? Sure. But do they have a meaningful choice? Not so much. Their choices don't help them grow. They just do what they do, without MOVING much.

Angels are described in prophecy as having 'one leg.' Now, before you start imagining an angel pirate with a peg leg [Seriously? Now I can't get that image out of my head!] ["Arrrrr, Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh, Matey!"] The idea (symbolical-ly, of course) is that they have one complete leg, which represents standing straight. Not walking, not moving, not being able to walk up stairs. They can probably still walk up escalators. Unless they break, which just makes them stairs. The symbolism is that because angels' choices aren't as meaningful, their actions don't change them. People though. You and I. Our actions change us. We grow. Does that make us Jewish Mutant Torah Humans?

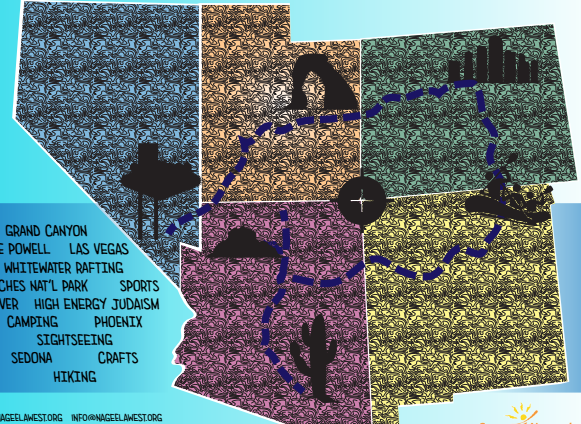
Have a Nageela Shabbos,

*The Rabbi*

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## ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 2

HEY! STOP! THINK FIRST. NO PEEKING!

THE MITZVAH IS YOVEL, THE JUBILEE YEAR.  
IT'S ON THE 50TH YEAR, AFTER A 49 YEAR S (7 SHEMITAH CYCLES) JUST AS SHAVUOS IS THE 50TH DAY, AFTER THE 49 DAY OMER CYCLE.  
SHOFAR IS BLOWN LIKE ROSH HASHANA, ON YOM KIPPUR DURING YOVEL YEAR.  
ALL SLAVES GO FREE LIKE PASSOVER.  
THE VERSE FROM THE TORAH DESCRIBING YOVEL, IS INSCRIBED ON THE LIB-ERTY BELL IN PHILADELPHIA. "PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND."

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