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Detours

by Rabbi Dani Locker

When the Rabbi took a detour and the other Rabbi disapproved.

The Midrash tells the story of a Rabbi named Rabbi Abba who was very sensitive not to cause extra difficulty to others. He was pretty well known as a great scholar, so whenever he'd pass by a group of people they would always stand up in respect (for more on this rule, please see this week's Stump the Rabbi). This didn't sit well with the Rabbi (get it? Didn't sit well, 'cause they were standing), so whenever possible he would take a detour. Even if it meant going out of his way, he didn't want to be the cause of other people's exertion.

This is awesome, right? Rabbi Abba showed such care about others, not wanting to cause them inconvenience. Yet when he told this story to Rabbi Yosi, he was told that he was

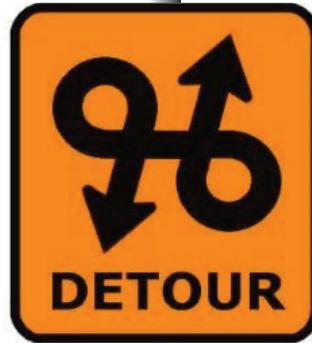
doing it all wrong! It is better, Rabbi Yosi told him, to pass where the people were, so they would see him and rise in respect of his Torah greatness. He proved his point from a sentence in this week's Torah portion.

"Stand before an aged person, and honor the face of a scholar, and fear God." This shows that standing for a scholar helps a person have a healthy fear of God. In other words, the reason for people to stand isn't really for the ego of the scholar, but

for those standing to help develop the right attitude toward Torah and its scholars. Some people think, "This Rabbi spent long years studying, he DESERVES some respect." Rabbi Yosi's point is that it has nothing to do with what the Rabbi deserves. It has everything to do with train-

ing the people to be more reverent.

It's kind to show concern



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for other people's convenience. Yet a teacher, parent or Rabbi has to have more concern for helping their children or students do the right thing. Sometimes as a parent, I don't want to insist my children show me respect.

Respect has NOTHING to do with what the Rabbi deserves

Maybe I want to let them argue with me, call me by my first name, or pour pickle juice over my head (OK, I actually beg them to do that). It's important to remember that it's not for me, but for them. Parents, teachers or other authority figures should insist on being treated respectfully (within reason) and students/ children should step up their respect for authority figures in their lives. It's good for you.

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to Nageela staff member Chayala (Brenner) Kornbluth upon her marriage last week!

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to long time Nageela staff member Tehila (David) Estrin upon her marriage last week!

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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.

Stump the Rabbi



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Respecting Elders

Hi Rabbi,

I have a vague idea that we're supposed to respect our elders. Does that mean that if my friend is a week older than I am, that I need to listen to him? Do I have to respect people who are not good people? What does this respect look like? Do I need to do their laundry?

Thanks,
Lev Young



Dear Lev,

You know that typical scene where it's a crowded bus and an old man gets on? We want to see who will be the kind person who will stand up for them. Actually, that's not extra credit- it's a Torah law! In Parshas Kedoshim the Torah says, "Mipnei Seivah Takum, V'hadarta Pnei Zakein." The literal translation is "Before an elderly person you should stand, and you should honor the face of an aged person." That seems very repetitive. Also, it seems repetitive. The Talmud therefore tells us that the word 'zakein - aged person' really means wise person. The rule is that we show respect for anyone who is over the age of seventy OR who is a Torah scholar. The Talmud advises us to show respect to elderly people whether they are Jewish or not, because of their life experience, and to honor

those who have accumulated Torah wisdom, even if they're young.

I think the reasoning is simple. We rely on the Torah for guidance in so many ways. It gives us our values, our daily rituals and teaches us right from wrong. The more respect we show to scholars, the more we are likely to accept and appreciate that wisdom. There are times when wisdom isn't easy to hear, or is perhaps annoying to follow. Showing respect to sages helps us stay motivated to listen. Additionally, our children are more likely to want to study Torah if they see that great honor is given to those who study it. Practically, this doesn't apply to anyone who is wiser than you are. It applies to YOUR teacher of Torah (your Rebbi, Shul Rabbi, etc., even if they're not your primary teacher) and it applies to someone who isn't your direct teacher if they are a high level scholar. That part is a little fuzzy, because it's hard to define 'high level'. My guess is that if someone is well known for their Torah knowledge, that counts.

Respecting those who are older helps us gain a healthy respect for

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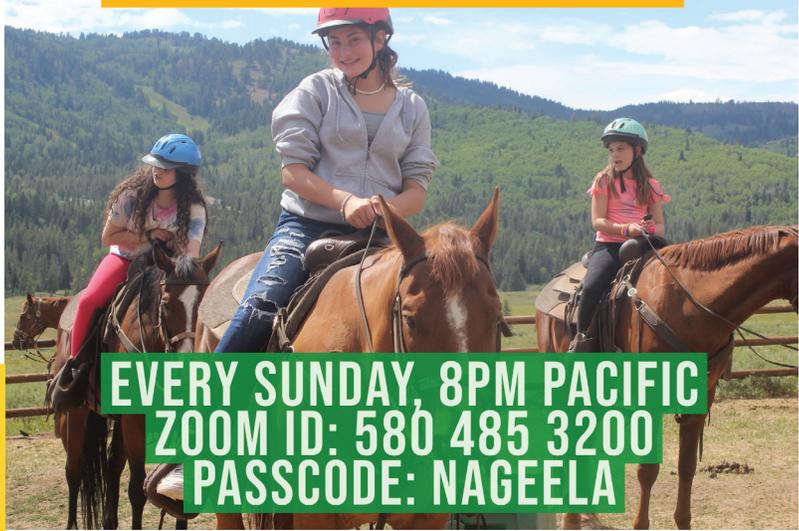
authority figures and life experience. This will in turn help us respect and fear God (as noted in this week's Dvar Torah). If someone is evil, then we don't need to rise for them even if they're old, but we should rise for an ordinary elderly person, even if they're totally ignorant. Either way, the only requirement is standing up for the person, and giving them basic respect. You don't need to do their laundry. If they ask you to, don't stand for it!

Have a Nageela Shabbos,
the Rabbi

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