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DVAR TORAH

Dan was a wealthy rancher who had hundreds of sheep, dozens of cows, along with horses, chickens and, somewhat inexplicably, two pandas. He had plenty of money, but didn't like to spend much of it. Just down the road, past the old, broken down farm house, Mary had a farm, too. But they were very different farms. Mary's farm was empty, desolate, and barren. Mary was poor. Very poor. All she had in the entire world was one small lamb, whose fleece was white as snow. She loved that lamb like... well... like a poor farmer loves their only lamb. That's what!

Dan decided to make a BBQ for all of his friends. He got the grill and the cole slaw, the music and tablecloths. The only thing he was missing was the meat. But Dan Didn't want to use one of his herd. He really didn't like to spend. So he grabbed Mary's little lamb and brought it to school... I mean to the BBQ, and roasted it. Oh boy, this story has taken a dark turn, hasn't it? Hundreds of his own sheep, and he had to take the one lamb that someone else cared about. That's pretty mean.

The truth is, I didn't make up this story. It was told to King David (with some minor variations)



by the prophet Nathan. He told David this story and asked the king to judge Dan's actions. "He must die!" was King David's verdict (he also decided, based on Torah laws, that he should have to pay back the poor man 4 times what the sheep was worth). Then Nathan explained to King David that this whole story was really about something he, the King, had done, and now the King had proclaimed it a terrible sin with his own mouth.

Why am I telling you this? Why do I do anything really? Lots of people have the wrong idea about Rosh Hashana. They may understand that it's a 'day of judgment,' but they might not know what that means. I think many people picture a judge, sifting through reports of our actions, "Oh! I found a 4 point violation here..." "Hey did you see what he did last Tuesday? Disgraceful!" But let me ask you a question. Why did Nathan have to tell David a story? He could have just walked in and said, "David, you did something wrong. You might not think it's wrong, but God told me it is, so you lose!" Nathan didn't do that, because he wanted David (before he knew the story was really talking about his own mistakes) to figure it out on his own. You see, there's a big difference between someone accusing you of something (even if that someone is God) and realizing it on your

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own. That is why Nathan made up this scenario, in

We are the authors of our own story

order to help King David realize his mistake on his own.

Our deeds from the year are written down on Rosh Hashana. But who writes them? Who is the author of your story? Who writes the book of Jason or Ashley or Mark or _____ (insert your name here)? In the prayers, we say, "And the hand signature of each person is there." In order for Rosh Hashana to be the most meaningful it can be, and for us to all gain in understanding, clarity and success for the coming year, our own hand and our signature must recognize our deeds. We don't wait for some judge to bang a mallet and say, "You did this and this." Rather, we examine ourselves and note the things we need to improve. And hopefully, don't steal anyone's sheep.

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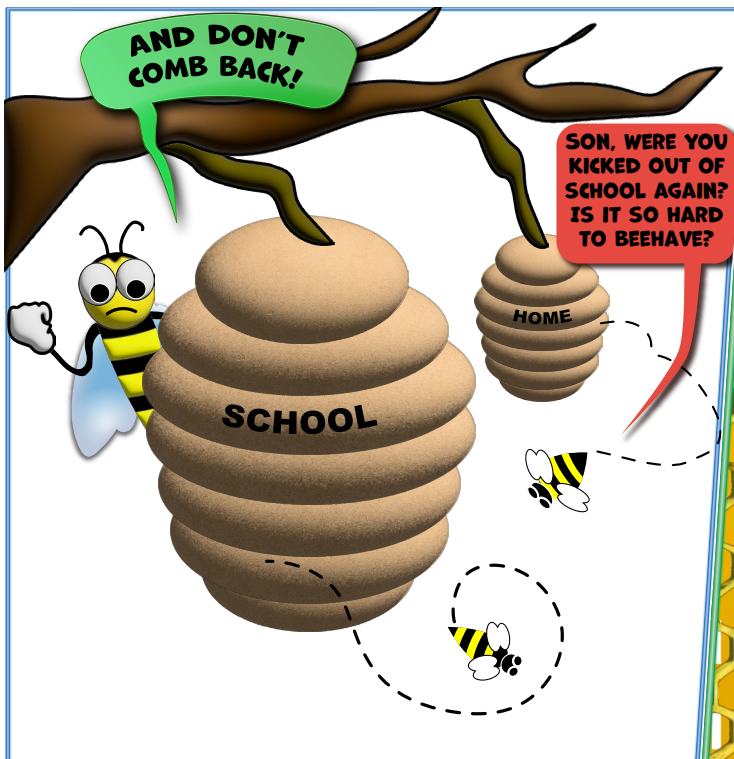
UP N COMING!

- MONDAY Sept 18, Las Vegas Tween/ Teen Night at ZJA
- WEDNESDAY, Sept 20, Scottsdale Jewniors at Yogurtini
- WEDNESDAY, Sept 20, LA Jewniors event at the LA Dodgers
- WEDNESDAY, Sept 27, CHAPTER WARS on ZOOM
- SUNDAY, Oct 15, Park City Kickoff Bowling event at Park City

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2023



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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

(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,

I've always heard the term muktzah to talk about the things we don't do on Shabbos. Now I've also heard that might not be the right word. Can you please clarify?

Thanks,

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Shabbatable

Mellie Chah

Dear Mellie Chah,

I happen to own a battery operated toy cow. I can't use it on Shabbos because it's moooktzah. Now that the obligatory cow joke is out of the way, we can talk about the matter at hand. Lots of people misuse the term 'muktzah' so I'll try to help you understand what it means and, more importantly, what it doesn't mean.

Here's what the Torah says about Shabbos. Two things actually. The Torah tells us to remember Shabbos, which means to use words (Kiddush) to mark the special day. It also tells us to 'keep' or 'guard' Shabbos, which means to avoid doing certain types of creative work. For more info on this, please take a look at Season 2, episode 14. The important point to remember here is that there are 39 types of creative work that the Torah tells us to avoid on Shabbat. Those things, like cooking, turning on a light, writing, sowing or sewing (yes, those are two different things) are NOT muktzah. They are 'melacha-work'. They are the actual legit things that break Shabbos.

But the Rabbis were not satisfied with that, because the truth is you could technically keep Shabbos while completely not keeping Shabbos. Like you could count your money all day, but wouldn't be technically breaking Shabbos if you didn't buy anything with it. Or use it to light a (rather expensive) fire. Thus was born the concept of MUKTZAH. Muktzah really just means anything that isn't useful for Shabbatable activities. I don't know if Shabbatable is a word, but it should

be. Shabbatable means something that is useful and permitted on Shabbat. Reading is a Shabbatable activity, so books aren't muktzah. Cutting down a cherry tree is not a Shabbatable activity, so a chain saw is muktzah. Eating is a Shabbatable activity, so your pickled whale blubber, while you shouldn't eat it (for several reasons, not only because whales aren't kosher) is not muktzah. While hunting that whale is not a Shabbatable activity, so please put down the harpoon gun. It's muktzah. And the muktuk isn't worth it.

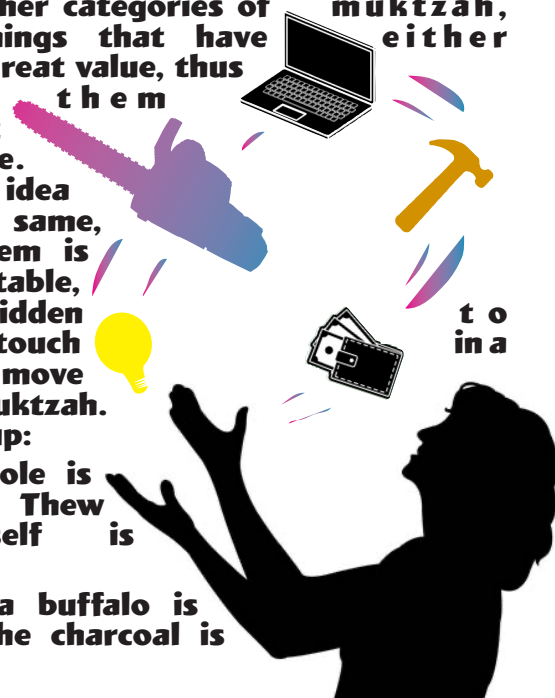
This is the most basic understanding of muktzah. There are other categories of muktzah, including things that have no value or great value, thus rendering them not Shabbatable.

But the basic idea stays the same. When an item is not Shabbatable, it is forbidden to move (or to touch in a way that will move it). That is muktzah.

So to sum it up:

Digging a hole is melacha. The shovel itself is muktzah.

Barbecuing a buffalo is melacha. The charcoal is muktzah.



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DAYS UNTIL
CNW GIRLS
2024

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DAYS UNTIL
CNW BOYS
2024

DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER!

DEEP THOUGHTS

GOLF IS THE ONLY SPORT WHERE TO GOAL IS TO PLAY AS LITTLE OF IT AS POSSIBLE

Using a phone is melacha. Holding the phone is muktzah.

Starting the engine of a car is melacha. Pushing it off of a cliff is muktzah.

There's another really important difference between melacha and muktzah. Because muktzah is pretty much about not forgetting it's Shabbos by doing weekday stuff, it may be OK to move muktzah in an unusual way. So if

your My Little Pony Crayons are on top of your military history book, you can use your foot to move those crayons. Yet the same doesn't follow for melacha. No matter how stretchy you are, using your foot to turn on and off the lights is not Shabbatable. Or Shabbat Table.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

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MAZEL TOV TO CNW HEAD STAFF ALUM **SHIFRA TABAK**

UPON HER ENGAGEMENT TO MOSHE PERL

WE'D LIKE TO WISH AN AWESOMETASTIC

MAZEL TOV TO SHAI WEISS

WHO RECENTLY CELEBRATED HIS BAR MITZVAH!

LOLITZ

AN ELDERLY JEW IS PASSING BY A RIVER WHEN HE HEARS CRIES FOR HELP. "MY DOG IS DROWNING!" A WOMAN CRIES OUT. THE MAN JUMPS IN THE RIVER AND RESCUES THE DOG WHO ISN'T BREATHING. HE ADMINISTERS CPR AND REVIVES THE DOG. THE WOMAN IS AMAZED. "YOU SAVED MY DOG! ARE YOU A VET?" SHE ASKS.

VET? AM I VET?
VV, I'M COMPLETELY SOAKING!

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How can we properly prepare for a year of success, for a positive judgement on Rosh Hashana and forgiveness on Yom Kippur?

Investing a stake in the return and growth of other Jews is one of the best ways possible.

For 14 years, Camp Nageela West has uplifted Jewish families who have little previous meaningful Jewish connection. Hundreds of children have learned, laughed, cried and been uplifted. Many have incorporated serious Jewish connection and Torah observance into their lives.

This past summer has been one of our most successful yet! So much growth, so much fun, so many lifelong relationships. Unfortunately, the summer has also left us with a severe deficit.

We ask that you join us this High Holiday season to help us start the new Jewish year on a clean slate. Your meaningful contribution between now and Yom Kippur will allow us to continue engaging children and teens in meaningful, immersive Jewish experiences.

Ksiva Vachasima Tova, Shana Tova, and blessings for an amazing year!

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New Year



Clean Slate



HBD

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