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Duck, Duck, Choose

by Rabbi Dani Locker



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Donald River was great at his job, which also happened to be his name. D. River was driver. Get it? D RIVER... anyway...

Donald got a job working for the CEO of a large internet company, and his whole family moved to San Francisco where the company was based. The company settled the River family in a comfortable apartment, and bought a ridiculous vehicle for Donald to drive the CEO and other important company officials in. It was a 47 foot stretched convertible, with seating for 30, a built in hot tub, and a stereo system that could open a tectonic fault line. For seven years, Donald and his faithful Daisy (yes, he named the car after a duck) drove, waited, drove some more, and faithfully served the company. The CEO really liked Donald, who did his job well, always had a smile, and made great conversation, too.

One day, Donald became ill, and suddenly lost most of his vision. He could see a bit, but not enough to drive. He began going from doctor to doctor, and although his company medical

insurance was pretty good, Donald had not been able to go to work in several months and the expenses had started to pile up. It was too much for Donald's wife, and she told him, "Donald, we've got to sell the limo! It is extremely valuable, and with the money we can get from selling it, we can pay the rest of our bills, and our children's college tuition."

Donald River looked at his wife and slowly shook his head. "There's something you have to understand, As tough as things are right now, we still have the company health insurance, and they're paying for our home! Even though I haven't driven for the company in almost a year, I'm still part of the company; only because they're hoping I'll drive again soon! It's because of Daisy that we are making it at all. If we sell that car, I have no hope of driving for the company again, and we will lose everything."

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We've had a tough couple of thousand years. I know that sounds funny, but I mean it. The Jewish people have spent the past nearly 2000 years wandering from place to place, mostly without a true home, kicked out of country after country, constantly harmed, persecuted and reviled. Some Jews are tempted to 'sell what we have' to fix the problem. They want to give up the Jewish roots that seem to be causing so many problems. "If only we weren't so different from everyone else, we could be happy, healthy and safe!" Oh boy are they wrong.

It's important for us to remember that despite the challenges of our long exile, **WE HAVE ONLY SURVIVED THIS LONG** because we are still God's people. We have retained our Jewish identity, and our connection to the Torah, and that has enabled our miraculous existence. Don't sell the limo. If we sell the limo, we may just lose our job.



CHOSEN CHEESECAKE

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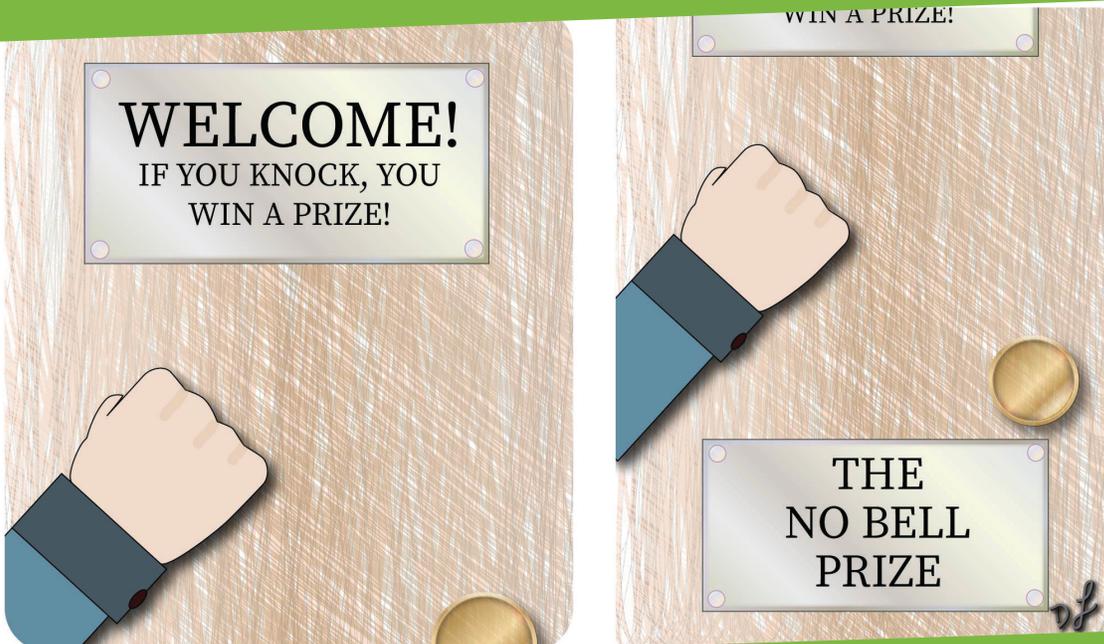
We can do a club in your middle school! Contact Rabbi Locker to find out how to get a monthly Jewish club in any middle school on the West Coast!

Locker Live is back! Get ready for 7pm on Thursdays for a 20 minute Instagram Live broadcast featuring Stump the Rabbi, games and jokes! Points will be given!

If you know anyone looking for the greatest Jewish summer experience of their lives, please contact us for details.

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP



↑ **dates**

Over-booked

Hi Rabbi,

In our recent Bat mitzvah lesson, you told me there's an upcoming holiday, called Shavuot, when we celebrate God giving us the Torah. You explained that it's a book that tells us what to do. Why are we happy about that? I think people should be able to choose their own path, and decide for themselves what is right. If you are doing what you think is right, then you're good! Why should we listen to a book, or celebrate having it?

Thanks,

Juana Lisa Tenne



**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

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Dear Juana LisTen,

About 5 years ago, I had problems with my knee. I went to the doctor, on crutches, and asked him what to do. He informed me that I needed surgery, and then intense physical therapy. I told him I didn't like his suggestions, and I would eat pickles instead. "The pickles shall heal me. The pickles shall protect me. The pickles shall strengthen me." I began consuming two jars a day, and almost immediately, the cartilage in my knee healed! My meniscus was marvelous! My patella was perfect! The lesson is that if you believe something will heal you, it will!

OK. That was obvs a fake story. As long as we're clear on that.

Because wanting something to be good for you does not make that thing good for you. If you take poison, believing that it's medicine... yeah. Don't do that.

Most people want to be good, want to do the right thing. But just like with knees and poisons, just WANTING to make the right choice doesn't make it the right choice. Many people who do terrible things, still believe they're doing something good. As extreme examples, suicide bombers in Israel believe they are doing the right thing. The cruel Russian Communist regime thought they were saving society, and even the Nazis thought they were doing the world a favor. On a less

extreme level, we each make choices daily. When someone bothers us, do we stand up for ourselves, or give in (each case is different)? Should we give charity to this person, or not? What kind of friends are good for me? There are so, so many decisions to make, and we've just shown that humans are pretty bad at deciding what's right and wrong!

So what can we do?

If only we had a book that told us what was right and what was wrong. If only that book was written by someone smarter than any human, and someone without any of the human flaws that make it difficult for us to make good choices.

Wait! What? We do?

Oh yeah! That, my friend, is what the Torah is. The Torah is our only way of knowing what is right and wrong. It's an instruction manual written by the creator of the Universe, which guides us in all areas of life.

I don't know about you, but having a guide like that seems to me like a great reason to celebrate! Now who's ready for some cheesecake?

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

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Mitzvah Minute

A quick intro to one of the Torah's 613 commandments

Heir a-parent

Source:

Honor your father and your mother (Book of Shemos chapter 20, verse 12). Part of the 10 commandments!

Details:

This mitzvah is not simply telling us not to be disrespectful toward our parents, it's actually a command to actively give them honor
 One must help his or her parents get food and drink, clothing and shelter
 A child should physically serve his parents, like a waiter
 A child does not have to spend their own money to honor parents
 Honoring includes showing respect, like standing up when a parent enters the room
 If there's a choice between

doing a mitzvah or honoring your parents, the other mitzvah would come first only if it can't be done by someone else

If a parent asks you to violate one of the rules of the Torah, you should listen to God instead of the parent

Honoring grandparents is included, but honoring a parent comes before a grandparent

The mitzvah to honor parents applies even after they have passed away

Lessons:

- We can never fully repay the people who have given us life
- Honoring our parents can help us relate to and properly honor God, who is their partner in our creation
- Gratitude is an extremely important value
- Gratitude does not end with death



THE IPAD AIR WILL BE RAFFLED THIS SUNDAY AT NOON!

If you've been to any Nageela or Jr. NCSY event since September, you are in this drawing! Whether you live in Tarzana, Incline, San Diego, Scottsdale, Las Vegas or anywhere else, you might win!

If you can make it to the Suncoast, you can win LIVE and take the iPad home with you. There will also be many other prizes.

If you will not be there live, visit the Nageela West Coast page on Facebook at noon to see a live stream of the drawing!

KUDOS TO OUR LEADERBOARD. HERE ARE THE TOP TEN POINT SCORERS FOR THIS YEAR!

- Talia S.
- Ethan B.
- Julian S.
- Isaac C.
- Jonah A.
- Liam H.
- Zahava L.
- Ari P.
- Yaacov P.
- Andrew B.

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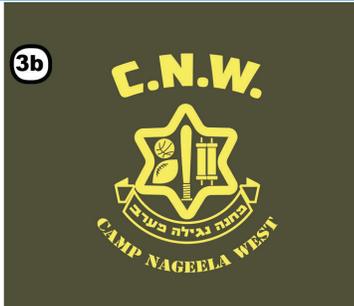
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LOGO VOTING

EVERY YEAR AT THIS TIME, WE DECIDE WHAT LOGO TO PUT ON OUR CAMP NAGEELA SWAG! THIS YEAR WE'RE VOTING IN TWO PHASES.

PHASE 1: CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE FROM EACH OF THE 3 PAGES TO YOUR LEFT. AFTER SHABBOS, SEND US YOUR 3. ON SUNDAY, WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE FINALISTS AND WILL REOPEN THE VOTING FOR THE TOP HIT! NEXT WEEK'S NAGEELA SHABBOS WILL INCLUDE THE FINAL LOGO!

Quick Fix

By

Rabbi Dov Ber Smith

You know, sometimes when we learn Jewish information and knowledge, we may wonder, "What in heavens name am I learning that for?" "Why does God care for me to study it?!" In the year 2019??? What connection?

And the truth is is that if you measure success by the result then the question is a GREAT question. However the Chofetz Chaim explains that God evaluates success by your EFFORT. He really doesn't care about the final thing. He cares about your heart: Do you try to connect to God? Did you TRY to do what He said? Did you TRY to be nice? Did you TRY to go the Hebrew class? Did you TRY to say the truth? That's all.

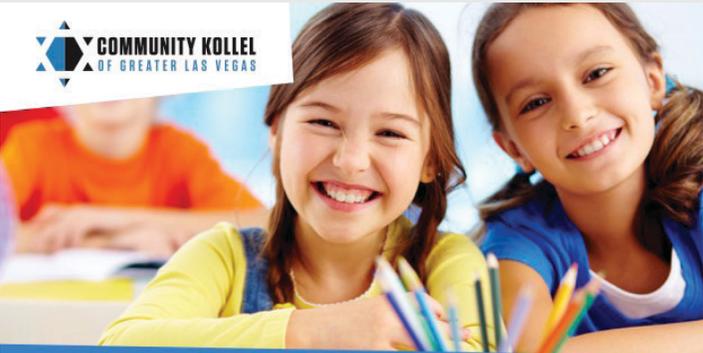
TRY!!! That's why this Parsha talks about Torah study in the words of "toiling in the study of Torah." That means it's the toiling that counts, not the actual knowledge. And guess what? When you TRY, you got God on your side of the team and when that happens you can do ANYTHING :) Shabbat Shalom!!



Photo of the Week

HELPING CHILDREN MATURE

Throwback to 2016 of a Nageela counselor and his campers.



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Do you know why ants bury their dead?

The want them to have their dig nity!

OUCH! GROAN!

got a better joke? email it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

Awesometastic birthday wishes to our friends celebrating their birthdays:



- Yoni Ghalili
- Brandon Zucker
- Corben Slater
- Zachary Gray
- Liad Gabay
- Solomon Peters
- Isaac Wheeler
- Akiva Taubenblatt

HAPPY UNBIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE ELSE!



Nageela West breaks the mold of old school Jewish outreach by providing out-of-the-box social and educational programs for Jewish children across the west coast. Through afterschool activities, weekend retreats and our signature summer camp, we engage elementary and middle school children in a fun and meaningful experience.

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