

Parshas
Toldos
5779

November 9th,
2018

Candle Lighting:

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The Red Wave by Rabbi Dani Locker

Michelle was about to make a serious choice. In all her twelve years, she had been working toward this moment. She stood with her friends in Seven Eleven, grasping her medium sized paper cup, spoon straw in her other hand. Which flavor Slurpee to choose... decisions are so difficult! Should she go with the old classic, Coke, with a bit of cherry, or should she be more adventurous? Her friends had undoubtedly chosen wisely, they'd probably stayed up all night planning the precise ratio of slushy goodness, but Michelle was lost.

Michelle's eyes darted between the Fanta Red Licorice flavor, and the Mountain Dew Blue Shock. Kate, her best friend nudged her with an elbow. "C'mon, it's time to go, my Mom is outside waiting in the car. What are you getting?"

"Red. I'll take the red one!"

Kate raised an eyebrow and said, "OK. Miss Red, let's go."

And for the rest of her life, because of that decision, Michelle was called Miss Red.

Yeah, that didn't really happen. Because Fanta doesn't have a red licorice flavor.

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DECISIONS, DECISIONS



Also because people don't get identified by one choice they make, USUALLY.

Which makes it hard to understand what happened to Esav, the twin brother of our ancestor Jacob.

Esav comes home after a long day of pillaging, plundering, pirating, purloining, pinching, pilfering, pummeling, and being generally pernicious, and he's pretty hungry. Perfectly, peerlessly hungry. Jacob had been cooking some sort of red colored stew, and Esav wanted some. He shouted, "Gimme the red stuff!" The Torah stops the story to tell us, "Therefore, he is called RED (the Hebrew word is Edom, which is a Hebrew name for Rome, the descendants of Esav)."

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OK, he wanted the red stuff. Why should we call him Red just for that?

In Michelle's situation, the color red, does not define who she is. In Esav's situation, it kind of does. Let me explain. Esav could have cooked himself. He could have waited. He could have even simply asked what's in the pot and called the lentil stew what it was. The fact that he just used the color shows that Esav was impulsive. It shows that he was the kind of guy who did not care about consequences, prices or results. He just cared about the now.

“Right now I see something red and i want it to stop being outside my belly, immediately.” That kind of attitude tells us a lot about a person and the types of choices they'll probably make in their lives. Choices that might harm others, or even themselves, in order to get something they want right now.

Also, Michelle should have gone with the Mountain Dew. I woulda gone with the Mountain Dew.



Two brothers the same age were in a race. They were equally matched, but one still lost.

I guess the other just wanted t'win more!

OUCH! GROAN!

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*to long time Nageela family
members Jesse and Jordan Katz
who are celebrating their bnei
Mitzvah this Shabbos*

You should light two candles. 2. Dos. Tzwei. The reason for two isn't for the wife and the husband. Totally different reason. It's because the Torah uses two different words to tell us about Shabbat. One is 'zachor'- remember Shabbat, and the other is 'shamor'- guard Shabbat. These are two different aspects of Shabbat. Zachor symbolizes the positive parts; kiddush, havdallah, prayer, and study. Shamor represents the part of Shabbat which is different than the rest of the week, by stopping to work, create and do certain types of activities. That's why we light two candles, and a single woman or single man would still light two.

You might have seen girls lighting one. In some communities, young girls living at home light a Shabbat candle. Since they're not really the one lighting for the family, they only light one. Anyone who is the main 'lighter'



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

Never a (can)Dull Moment

Hi Rabbi,

I just got my own apartment, and for the first time, I'm going to be lighting my own Shabbat candles. My mom lights 2 candles. Since I'm not married, should I light one? Why do people light different numbers, anyway?

Thanks,

Candice Light

Dear Cand Light,

Lighting Shabbat candles has become an important symbol of Jewish women everywhere. It shows how they bring light and peace into the home. Shabbat candles exist so that there should be light, which brings happiness and pleasure and also to honor Shabbat. BTW, if there are no women around, a man should light.

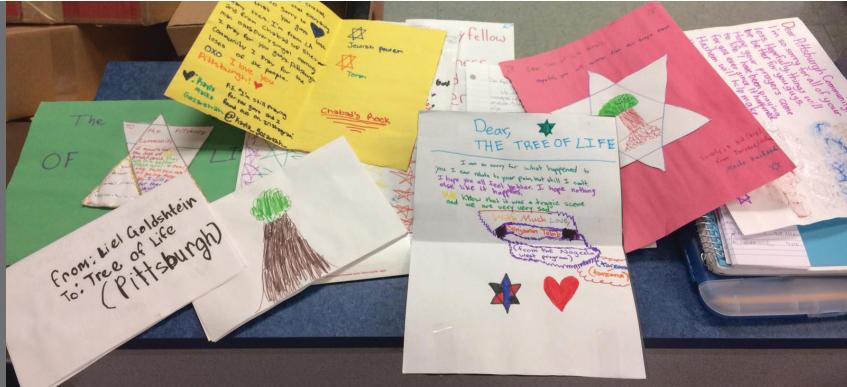
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for their family should light (at least) two.

There are different customs people have about adding candles. Some people light seven candles to represent the days of the week. Some light ten to represent the ten commandments. I personally haven't seen either of these done. The most common custom is to start with two and to add a candle for each child born into the family. Fire represents Torah wisdom, and the added candles are a prayer that each of our children become wise with the understanding of the Torah. Also, if you forget to light one week, you should add a candle each future week, as a way to help you remember next time!

Of course, these are all customs. If you can't afford two candles or you simply don't have two candles, lighting one is fine. If you're in a place where it's impossible to light (like a hospital room) or you don't have any candles, you can say the blessing and turn on an electric light.



Tree of Life

This week, participants in our Tarzana and Sherman Oaks programs write (and mailed) letters and cards to the Jewish community of Pittsburgh, expressing our empathy and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 10th- Boys Oneg/ Havdalah @ the Lockers.
4:30-6pm
November 13th- Phoenix Kickoff

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Los Angeles Shabbaton
CAMP REGISTRATION IS ABOUT TO OPEN! STAY TUNED!

Remember, the purpose of the candles is to increase peace and happiness, so don't get stressed about how you do it. Just make sure you set them up somewhere safe, and someplace you'll be able to enjoy seeing them.

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi



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