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CAUSE I'M HAPPY! by Rabbi Dani Locker



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It's good to be happy, right?
Happy birthday.
Happy Holiday.
Happy Pickle Day
(“When is it pickle day?” you may ask.
“When is it not?” I will answer).

Here's the scenario: It's the most important event in Jewish history. Moses is about to bring the tablets to the Jewish people after receiving them atop Mount Sinai. Awesome! Well, not so awesome, because when he gets near the foot of the mountain he hears, and then sees, something truly disturbing.

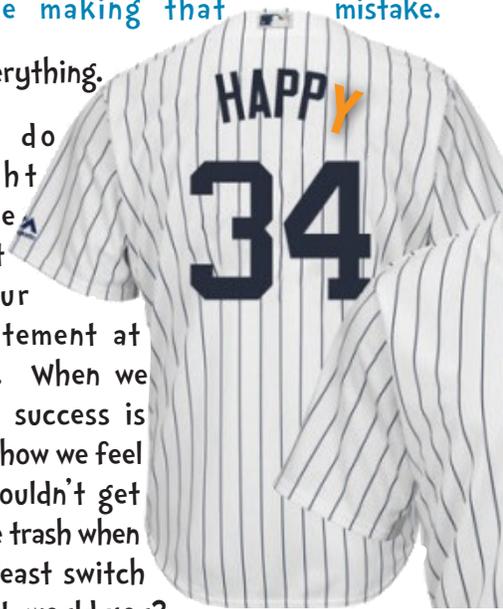
The people are worshipping a cow. Pretty thoroughly uncool. Talk about bad timing... that's like taking a nap in a coffee shop. It totally goes against everything the place stands for! That should be enough to get Moses really upset. But that's not what does it.

Moses listens carefully, and he hears music (or mooosic), dancing, celebrating. That gets Moses

upset. He drops the tablets, and they become instant tablet powder (just mix with warm water for a yummy and deadly drink!). Why did the celebration bug Moses more than the actual worship?

People make mistakes all the time. Part of being human is making mistakes. It's one thing to mess up, kind of feel bad about it, and recognize that what you did isn't so cool. It's quite another thing to sing, dance party while making that mistake.

Our attitude is everything.
When we do the right thing, one of the most important ingredients is our happiness and excitement at our accomplishment. When we stumble, our future success is dependant largely on how we feel about it. No, we shouldn't get depressed and feel like trash when we mess up, but at least switch to the serious playlist, would you?



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THIS WEEK, DO IT 4 THE CHILDREN!

Thanks to our incredibly generous matchers, ALL DONATIONS given during our 42 hour fundraising marathon will be QUADRUPLED, and it's all or nothing!

SO... get ready, it all begins this Wednesday evening. We're gonna make a difference, 4 the children!

Thank you to the following community members and Nageela alumni who will be taking the court to challenge the Wizards, in a battle for guts, glory and gelt!

Wyatt Rozea
Gabe Hafter
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Awesometastic birthday wishes to Nageela family members celebrating their birthdays:

Eenbal
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Jasper
Goldlang

Eli Lugasi

Steve Kostick

Dovid Locker



to Cai and Brooklyn Kraft who recently celebrated their b'nei Mitzvah!

Wednesday Feb. 27th, through Friday morning, you can get every donation to Camp Nageela West quadrupled! Please look for our email and social posts for details, links and to check on our progress!

If you're in Las Vegas, please join us February 28th for the Harlem Wizards basketball game and show.

The LA Valley, Las Vegas and Reno/Tahoe will also host Treats for Troops events, sending Purim care packages to Jewish troops serving the US military overseas.

Stay tuned for dates & locations

↑ **dates**

HAVE A BALL CHANGE LIVES

Camp Nageela West provides life changing Jewish experiences for children across the Western United States and Canada. This is your opportunity to partner with us and bring the joy of passionate, meaningful Judaism to the next generation.

Please join us on February 28th for a fun evening of basketball entertainment with the world famous Harlem Wizards, who have captivated millions with their high flying skills and antics.

Doors open at 5:30. Game starts 6:30.
VIP reception at 4:30.



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Tuna Piano

Hi Rabbi,

I play piano and I really enjoy it. I'm not professional or anything, but I think I'm pretty good. When I came to the Shabbaton, I sat down at my host's house and started playing the piano, but someone told me I shouldn't play on Shabbat. I don't understand why not. Isn't music important for Shabbat and praying and stuff? They said 'cause I might fix it. But I have no idea how to fix a piano! Duct tape? Please explain.

Thanks,

Simon P. Honickman

Dear Simphonic Man,

You must be a good musician, because when I play, people try and **BREAK** the piano, not fix it! You're also asking a really good and thoughtful question, because you're right; music was and still is a huge part of prayer and Shabbat! When our holy temple stood in Jerusalem, every service was accompanied by Levites playing musical instruments (Levite is not simply the Jewish version of evite, it's a group of people who are the descendants of Levi, son of Jacob). Many of our prayers involve singing, and if you've indeed been to a Nageela Shabbaton, you'll know that singing is a massive part of Shabbat! So why do we skip instruments on Shabbat? Wouldn't it add so much to the musical experience?

People are spaced out. Hellowooo-o-o, are you listening to me? Yeah. My point exactly. We tend not to pay too much attention to what we're doing, and then do things we had not planned to do. How many times have you walked into a room to get something, and then you can't remember what it is you wanted? Come on, you can admit it to me. Or you're looking for your glasses for like an hour, and then realize you've been wearing them.

Just the other day, I picked my son up from school, and was driving him to an appointment that started at 2pm. At 2pm I sharp, we pulled up... into the driveway of my house! We walked inside and then I was like, "Wait. We're not supposed to be here." People do this kind of thing all the time! Imagine you are playing the guitar, let's say, and you're

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really getting into the groove of the music (in case some of readers are not familiar with the word 'music', it's that thing people used to listen to before rap was invented). Then one of your strings gets out of tune, or snaps. You will likely fix it, or tune it, without even thinking! Therefore, people who keep Shabbat are careful not to play musical instruments, in order to make sure they don't absentmindedly do some repairs.

The second part of your question is awesome, too. Everything I've written is about tuning or fixing an instrument... what if you have no clue how to tune or fix an instrument? Any musician can tune a guitar, or adjust the reed on a saxophone, or pull the cat's tail to a different rhythm.

I've got no clue how to tune a piano, or drums. I wouldn't know the first thing about repairing a tuba, if I could even pick it up. So what could be the problem with playing those on Shabbat?

I will answer that question... next week, my friend... next week.

BTW, has anyone seen my computer? I need it to type up this Stump the Rabbi, and I can't seem to find it anywhere!

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

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.

To the sponsors of this upcoming Wizards game, and our crowdfunding campaign. To the dozens of volunteers helping us at the event and in our campaign...



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