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BURN, BABY, BURN BY RABBI DANI LOCKER

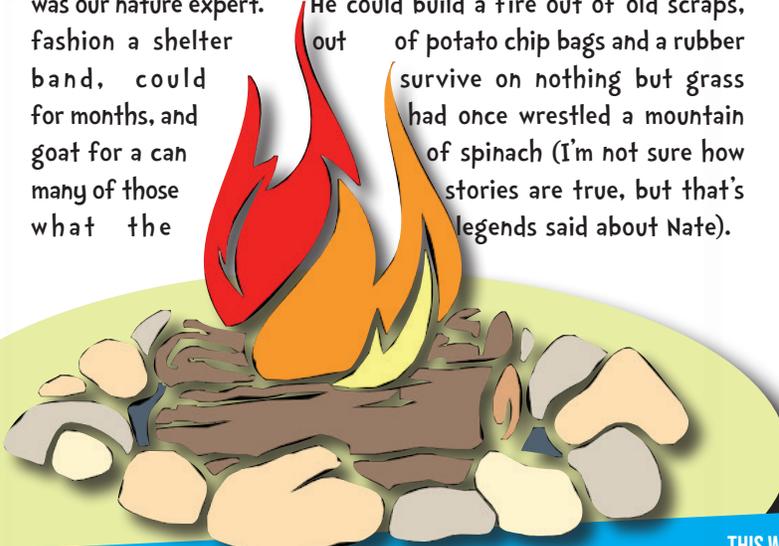


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That time Nate saved us from frostbite.

The fire was getting low and we were running out of wood. It was late and almost everyone was sleeping, but the wind blowing off the lake was dropping the temperature pretty quickly and I knew that by the morning, all the campers would be shivering. Wanting to make sure the fire would last for the next six or seven hours, I eyed the shrinking stack of logs, and tried to calculate the best way to get it to last. I figured that if I put a lot of wood on the fire now, it would heat things up real nice, and then it would stay warm for longer. I hefted four large logs and was about to pile them on the flames, when I felt an arm on top of mine.

Nate removed the wood from my grasp, and put just one small log on the fire, adding just a small bit of warmth. Nate was our nature expert. He could build a fire out of old scraps, fashion a shelter out of potato chip bags and a rubber band, could survive on nothing but grass had once wrestled a mountain of spinach (I'm not sure how many of those stories are true, but that's what the legends said about Nate).



Nate explained something that I had not realized. Right now the fire was small, and it burned logs at a reasonable rate. If we made the fire huge, it would sure be hotter, but then it would require way more fuel. If I put so many logs on the fire now, we would have a fabulous conflagration, but it would be gone in an hour or two.

With Nate's help, we weren't exactly toasty roasty, but we had the warmth we needed to get through that cold night.

When it comes to money and 'having stuff' we are just like that fire. We all like stuff. We feel that it makes us happy. "If I only had that one new awesome thing, I would be really happy!" How many times have we said or thought something just like that? "I just need the newest model phone!" "Did you see the graphic on the latest version of that battle royale game? Sick! I need it!" "I don't need much in life, but that convertible would certainly satisfy me." You see, it ain't true. Just like the fire, when you add more fuel, it burns bright for a while, but then you need more and more and more to keep it going.

"My last house was an awesome mansion, but I'm totally cool moving to an apartment," said NOBODY EVER.

"The iPhone XXIV was amazing, but next time, I'm cool with a Nokia brick with a 2 inch black and white screen..." is NOT something you're likely to hear.

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SPACED OUT

Hi Rabbi,

Thanks for taking me stargazing in camp this summer. It was truly awesome to see so many stars... I never knew there were so many, living in a big city. Anyway, what I don't understand is what's the point of all the stars and galaxies? If the universe is made for us, why is there a need for a whole big solar system and billions of galaxies?

Thanks

Maor Shemesh



**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 Maor,

That's a bright question! Maybe this story will help.

Frankie and Vinnie were having an argument. "I'm stronger than you!" said Frankie. "No you aint," countered, Vinne, "I can take you down any day!"

"Oh yeah? Let me see you try!"

Vinne and Frankie began to wrestle furiously, until Jackie, who was bigger and stronger than both of them, separated them.

"This really isn't an important argument," argued Jackie.

"Why not?" asked Frankie.

"Why not?" queried Vinne.

"Because of the big..." Started Jackie the very big and strong ant. But he couldn't finish his sentence as an elephant stepped on all three ants.

Great story, right?

In the end, it didn't matter which ant was stronger.

We've all been fed images of Hercules and Superman, and beings who are much, much more powerful than humans. I think most of us think of God kind of like that. As Someone very powerful. Powerful enough to carve a Grand Canyon, or split the sea. That is (quite literally) light years away from truly

understanding the magnitude of God's awesomeness and power.

The Earth (which seems quite marvelously huge to me) is one planet in a solar system. But there are estimated to be a hundred billion stars... wait for it... in just OUR galaxy. And there are about 200 billion galaxies. I don't know if you can start to fathom the insane scale of those numbers. Just think about how vast and incredible a planet or a few planets are, and realize that all of creation is trillions upon trillions of times more vast, magnificent and massive! UN. BE. LIEVE. ABLE!

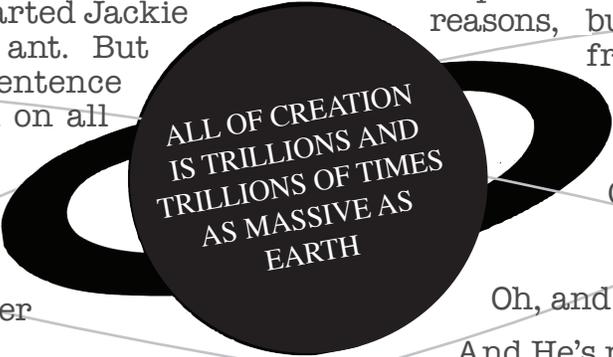
I think this helps us get past the whole God is like Superman concept. There may be other reasons, but at least one benefit we gain from the universe being so incredibly awesome is that it gives us an appreciation of just how incomprehensible God's power is.

Oh, and He made it all with words.

And He's not allergic to Kryptonite.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

the Rabbi.



ALL OF CREATION
IS TRILLIONS AND
TRILLIONS OF TIMES
AS MASSIVE AS
EARTH

The more fuel we use, the more fuel we NEED.

One the features of this week's Torah portion is laws for how Jewish kings are supposed to act. They're not allowed to be TOO wealthy. According to some of the early commentaries, this is exactly why. A King who focuses on wealth and acquiring 'stuff' will most certainly get the people used to having and wanting stuff. Then they'll need more and more stuff, and the cycle will continue. It's interesting that the King was actually supposed to live a wealthy life, to a certain point. He was not supposed to live like he didn't care at all about money. But the right balance is important. In life it's important for us to realize that if we want to have the energy, the fuel to stay warm and fulfilled for our lives, we can't use up too much of the fuel, too soon.

DEEP THOUGHTS

WHY ISN'T THE WORD 'PALINDROME' SPELLED THE SAME BACKWARDS?



DID JEW KNOW?

People in Israel have one of the highest life expenctancies in the world.

For males, it's way over the average.



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Question of the Week

Of course, the darker it is, the more stars become visible in the sky. Generally, no stars (except our sun) are visible during the day. Except for one time in Jewish history...

When were the stars visible in broad daylight?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We're a bit behind on these, so let's include all the July birthdays.

Happy Birthday to family members who have celebrated recently:

- Rosie Polonsky
- Caleb Gould
- Gavin Gould
- Shifra Kamin
- Adam Borsody
- Chaya Leos
- Menacham -Sosonov
- Maya Elezra
- Liddor Bega
- Gabriel Lewis
- Jake Michael
- Chase Mennear
- Eitan Lugasi

- Orel Kohen
- Yoni Kessler
- Maeven Fanebust
- Shifra Kamin
- Avi Maryles
- Gabby Zargari
- Geula David
- Josh Small
- Sophie Guenniche
- Chloe Huttner
- Ezra Okseberg
- Heshy Rubinson
- Leah Mizrahi



TO GABBY ZARGARI WHO CELEBRATED HER BAT MITZVAH THIS SUMMER WITH US AT CAMP! AND TO ARI POLONSKY WHO GOT HIS FIRST ALIYAH!



Camp Nageela West 2020 A RECAP

We did it! This year has been challenging for everyone, and many camps which had operated successfully for decades were unable to open their doors for summer 2020.

After consulting with experts in the medical and camping field, we implemented testing and other safety protocols, and opened our doors for a modified, but awesome camp experience in Northern Utah.

A total of 49 children joined us for an overnight Jewish camp full of adventure, animals, outdoors, personal interactions, Jewish pride and learning and a sense of personal accomplishment.

It's rather remarkable what happens when children who have been socially isolated for months, relegated to screens of varying sizes for their schooling, entertainment and social engagements, finally get the opportunity to be children. The joy and relaxation that our campers exuded was awesome!

They had the chance to play sports (non-contact), get muddy (very), hold chickens, pet goats (even tried to milk them), sing songs, shoot arrows, run, jump, slide, cavort (I love that word) and... wait for it... TALK TO OTHER KIDS without a screen!

We are just about ready to ANNOUNCE PLANS and dates for SUMMER 2021... stay tuned for the info!



Quick Fix

When it comes to Jews going to war, the Torah tells us, "You shall not be afraid." What does that mean?

Some commentaries say this is a commandment. We're supposed to focus on God's awesome strength and be confident. It means "Don't be afraid."

According to others, it's not a command, but a promise. "You WILL NOT be afraid." Because God will so obviously fight our battles, we won't be nervous about facing our enemies.

According to both, God takes care of his people, and helps us win. Take Israel's wars as a case in point.

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP



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**HEY, DON'T PEEK!
THINK FIRST!**

One of the most dramatic scenes in the Torah is the 'covenant between the parts' - Bris bein habesarim. At this time, God showed Abraham clear vision of the stars, despite it being daytime.

**Answer of
the Week**

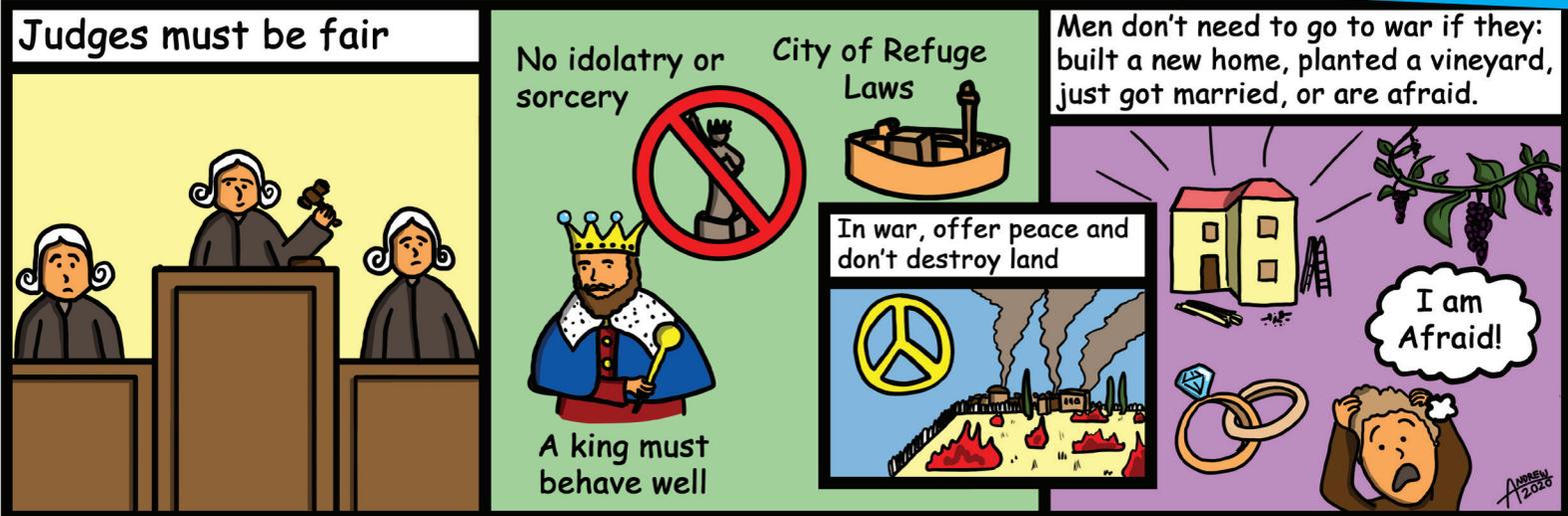
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JOIN RABBI LOCKER & FRIENDS FOR BIWEEKLY ZOOM EVENTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY!
SEPT 1ST IS THE FIRST EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Shoftim

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LAS VEGAS PROGRAMS

We will shortly begin our in-person outdoor programs [with distancing restrictions] in Las Vegas. Stay tuned for exciting details!



What do vegan zombies eat?

GRAAAAAAINS

OUCH! GROAN!

Do you have a better joke? I sure hope so! Send it to dlocker@nageelawest.org



A few weeks ago, we were fortunate enough to complete a \$55,000 crowd-sourced fundraising campaign. More than 200 separate donors contributed to the cause, which allowed us to successfully complete an in person summer camp, despite the pandemic.

Thank you to all the donors, and especially to those members of our 14 fundraising teams who put time and effort into reaching out to others.

Special thanks to the Berko, Darrison, Sonenstein and Hennes families for your truly magnanimous support.

Mazel Tov
מזל טוב

To Nageela Counselor Allie (Yehudis Esther) Weeks upon her engagement to Nesanel Noss!



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.

Our "questions encouraged" mindset makes Nageela a comfortable learning and growing environment for Jewish children of all backgrounds.

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