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Stow Your Carryon Bags

by Rabbi Dani Locker



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You probably have a suitcase. Maybe a duffel bag or a trunk. When you go on a trip, or to camp, you put your stuff in the suitcase, making it easier to travel. 'Cause getting on a plane with fourteen pairs of pants might not work so well. There's a good chance your suitcase has wheels, and has plenty of space to load it up until it's overweight and you've got to open it up at the ticketing counter and shuffle things around until it's below the weight limit (so you end up wearing all those pants, anyway). When you finally get home from your trip, what do you do?

Ok, the first thing I do is make a coffee, but after that?

Ok, raid the fridge. I mean AFTER that...

You unpack the suitcase and put it away. Maybe your parents do it for you, maybe you've got a convenient crew of house elves helping out and talking about themselves in third person. Whoever gets the job, my point is that you don't keep your suitcase around all year just because it's convenient. You put away the wheels, the zippers and the cool compartments you use to hide the stuff your parents don't want you to bring (I SAID NO CHOCOLATE ON THE PLANE!), and you use your permanent drawers, shelves and closet to store everything you need. And that space between the bed

and the wall... stuff always ends up there.

What is the most important, holy piece of furniture in world history? Funny to think of furniture as holy, but as the Jews traveled through the desert, and for many years after that, the Holy Ark, or in Hebrew, the Aron Hakodesh traveled with them. This incredible chest of wood and gold had beautiful sculptures of winged angels on top of it, and contained the actual stone tablets that Moses brought down from Sinai. **Yes, THOSE tablets.** Both sets. Unlike all the rest of the holy furniture, the Holy Ark was not transported by helicopter, train, or even wagon. It was carried on the shoulders of members of the tribe of Levi. It had 2 poles, attached to rings, that were used to carry the ark. What happened to those poles when the ark was not traveling? I would expect that they were taken out, and put in some storage room until the next trip.

Nope.

They stayed in the ark. Hmmm, that's strange.

It gets even stranger. There's a commandment in the Torah (# 96 in Sefer Hachinuch) not to

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ever let the poles come out of those rings. They were required to stay attached to the Aron Hakodesh AT ALL TIMES. Really? Why is it so important that the poles need to stay in position all the time? Why not put the suitcase away?

The Torah is moveable.

What do I mean by that? Think about this: Some people think of Torah, and indeed, the observance of Judaism as being connected to a building. You've got to act appropriately while in a synagogue... it's important to keep the rules while in temple...

With this rule, the Torah is stressing that God and His way of life need to go with us **wherever we go**. The Torah needs to be a part of our lives at home, on the ballfield, in the pool, restaurant or office. We take the lessons of the Torah with us to school, to the doctors office and at amusement parks. The poles show us that we always keep our carry-on luggage with us.

Green Valley NageeLatte has moved days! Join us every TUESDAY at 6:45 at the District for drinks, games and Torah awesomeness!

Thanks so much to the Nemer family of Portland for hosting this week's Camp Nageela Open House! Thanks to Rabbi Yerachmiel Kalter for spearheading our Portland campaign.

Next Saturday night, Feb. 16th, all LV kids are invited to join us for another great musical Havdallah @ the Lockers, featuring Werewolves!

Please save the date for February 28th. This is our only annual fundraiser. If you're in Las Vegas, please purchase tickets to come see the Wizards in action. If you can't make it to the game, please consider becoming a sponsor, by visiting the ticket site at nageelaLV.org/special-events. We will also run an online crowdfunding campaign that day, so please stay tuned for details on how you can

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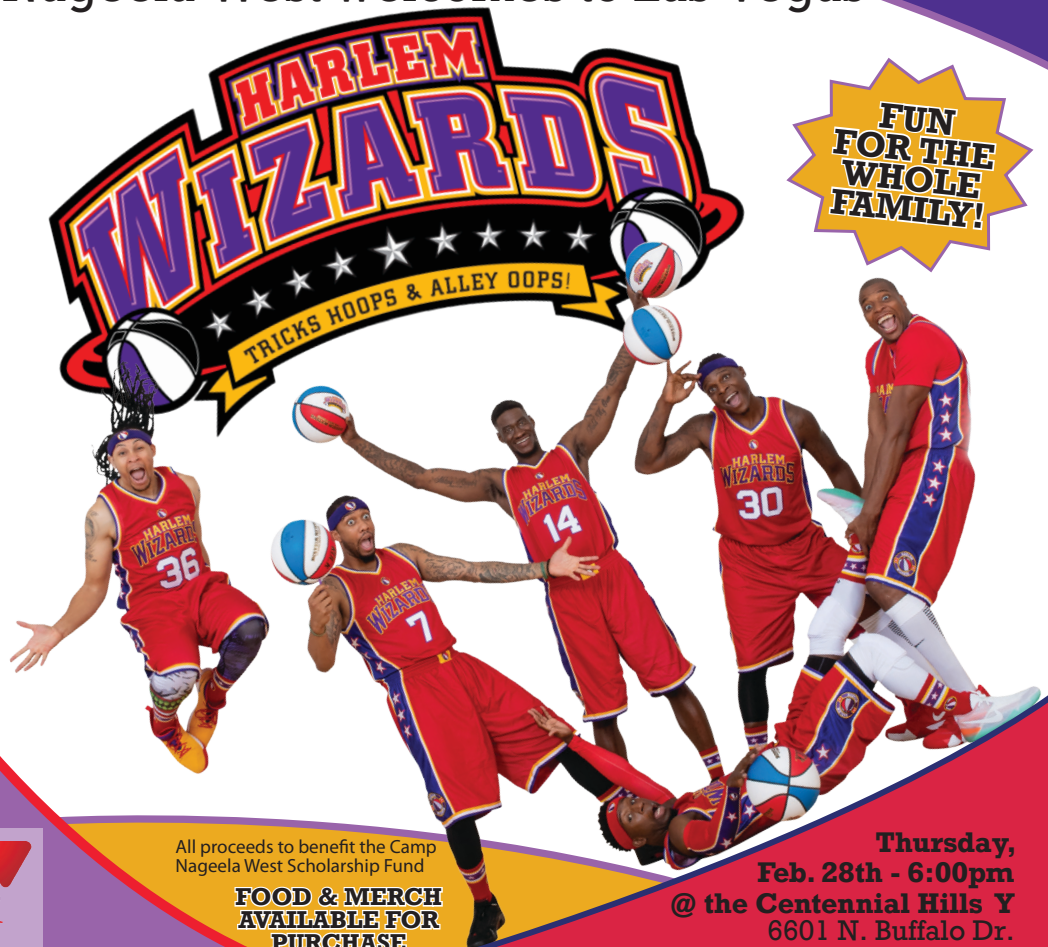
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Be Square with Me

Hi Rabbi,

What's the Jewish obsession with square stuff? Tzitzis have corners, and I know that tefillin have to be totally square or else they're not kosher. Now I also heard that in the Holy Temple, the altar had to be square with corners. Why? Is there something special about corners?

Thanks,

Angela Uma Larson

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question.

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*Questions here are
(mostly) real. Names and
some wording have been
changed.*

Dear Ang U. Lar,

That's an interesting angle...

There are indeed many items represented in Jewish life that need to be square or angled. The ones you mentioned are all good examples. Also in next week's Torah portion, the Choshen, the chest plate worn by the head kohein, had to be square. Why?

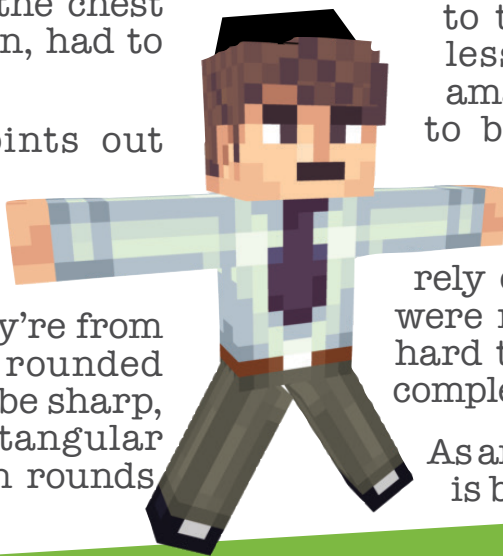
The Jerusalem Talmud points out something fascinating. Squares and rectangles don't exist in nature. Think of every animal you've ever seen. They don't look like they're from Minecraft. They've all got rounded edges! Even rocks which can be sharp, almost never have clear rectangular form, and given time, erosion rounds the edges. Always.

Trees, plants, clouds, insects, sea anemones... anemones... anemones... all these have different forms of curves and twists, but none are square.

The Torah gives us instructions to make things angular and square to teach us an important lesson. God gave us an amazing world, but we need to be active participants in changing that world. We humans are not able to just rely on staying the way we were made; rather, we work hard to become better, more complete beings.

As an example, every human is born selfish. Show me a

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selfless baby, and I'll show you a well-rested mother. Neither exists. As we grow, we learn to think about others. We shape ourselves into thinking, caring, biped quadrilaterals.

Tefillin are square, as well as many of these other Jewish themes that involve angles (at least in part) to help us remember that it's our job as people to make choices, change ourselves, and change the world,

rather than letting the world change us.

Forgetting this would just be square.

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

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Imagine if a young Moses had been the one to chop down the cherry tree (these leader- types are always tree chopping)...



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