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God Glue

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I got a new case for my cell phone, and it's pretty cool. The phone stays in a lightweight, ultra thin plastic case-that's pretty normal. The cool part is the second piece. There's a portable charger... those are usually a pain to shlepp around, and need cords and stuff. Well, this one doesn't need any cord. It just slaps on to the back of the phone with magnets and stays in place. The magnets do the work of charging the phone as long as it's touching the charging part. What on Earth does this have to do with Judaism or the Torah?

Maybe I just wanted to talk about my new case!

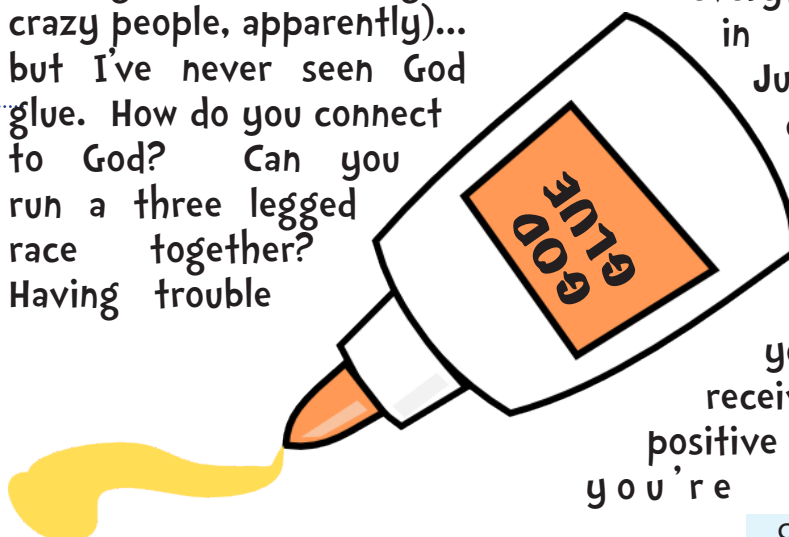
In this week's Torah reading, there's a sentence that's a bit difficult to understand. It says, "And you who connect to God, are all alive today."

First of all, I've seen school glue, wood glue (for attaching wood) and crazy glue (for attaching to crazy people, apparently)... but I've never seen God glue. How do you connect to God? Can you run a three legged race together? Having trouble

understanding this part.

Second of all, it says if we connect to God we're alive. What if we don't connect to God? We're still alive, aren't we?

I think the answer lies in cracking the case (my cell phone case, that is). God is the source of energy and everything good in the world. Just like the charging part of my battery case, you can only receive this positive energy if you're



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attached. The closer you get, the easier it is for the energy to flow. How do we attach ourselves, and connect to God? What is God Glue? Being like God. Acting like God. Being similar to someone or something might not make you physically closer, but it makes you closer in a more meaningful way.

If I ask you, right now, at the moment you're reading this, "Who is your closest friend?" Your answer is probably not the person sitting right next to you. You might even be separated by hundreds of miles, yet still be closer than to anyone else.

God is kind, forgiving and caring. Acting in these ways will make us magnetically attached to God, and allow us to truly connect to source of life and goodness!

VERY PUNNY

Mike: Last week I fell down a large hole filled with water. I was stuck there for an entire day!

Frank: I'd call that a day well spent!

Ouch. Have a better pun?
Send it in to dlocker@nageelawest.org
If you don't get it... think harder



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week!

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