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Carbo Nation

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Nate really loved starches. He was fixated on fries, enchanted by enchiladas, delighted by donuts and he craved candy. Nate loved starch so much, his friends would call him "Carbo- Nate". Though he was infatuated with all carbohydrates, his absolute fave was Coca Cola. Nate had one of those funny hats with two soda cans and a straw... and those were his pajamas!

One day his life changed when he was introduced to Mexican Coca Cola. If you've never tried it, Mexican Coke has all the goodness of regular Coke, but with sugar instead of corn syrup (FYI, so does Kosher for Passover Coke). Nate lost his mind. He loved it so much, and yet it was difficult for him to find Mexican Coke where he lived. Then he came up with an idea.

Nate rented an 18 wheeler. He crossed

the border and decided to fill up an entire 18 wheeler with Mexican coke, and drive it across the border.

Nate is heading back toward the border when his truck gets flagged down and stopped by a beggar. "I can help you out!" he said.

"Help me with what? Do you have a danish or something?"

"No, no, no. You don't want to cross the border at the checkpoint. They will check your truck."

"That's no big deal." said Nate.

"I don't have anything bad. Just coke."

"I don't
the

think
border



Candle lighting

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police will like that. I can take you on a back road."

"Welllll... maybe that's not a bad idea. Thanks buddy!"

"That will be \$1000."

"\$1000? You gotta be kidding me. I'm not going to pay that kind of money to get to your back road. That's wayyy too much. I can give you like \$20 maybe."

Nate drove off toward the border, seething with anger at the waste of time. Then he got stopped.

The border police were searching for cocaine being smuggled across the border, so they stopped and searched Nate's truck. Despite his protests that it was a different kind of Coke, they confiscated his truck and his entire supply.

The next day, Nate is spacing out in his small, filthy jail cell, with no Mexican Coke, or even a package of Oreos, when he hears laughing coming from outside the barred window.

It's the same beggar, pointing at him, laughing uproariously and saying, "Told you so!"

Nate was thrilled to see the old hustler. "Hey, you were right! I'll happily give you the thousand now. Just get me out of here!"

"Oh no. It's too late for that now. Yesterday I could've helped you, but now it's out of my hands. If only you had given me a bit of money earlier, you would have saved what... a hundred thousand dollars worth of sugary goodness?"

This week's Torah portion discusses the concept of giving tzedakah- charity to a poor person, and many talmudic sources talk about how the giver gains from donating generously. The Maggid of Dubno, using the above story as a metaphor (I might have slightly changed one or two details) for people who don't want to use their hard earned money for charity. Then when things go wrong for them- perhaps it's a medical issue, spiritual trouble or some other travail- they suddenly want to donate for the blessings attached to tzedakah. Yet it may be too late at that point. So it's important to be generous from the start, to make tzedakah part of our life. It will save us a whole lot of fizee later on.

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Regular jokes
make me numb...

math jokes make
me number!

OUCH! GRRRRROAAAN!
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could've said 'even number!'
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Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Note: We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way.

Stump the Rabbi



#170 Not For Prophet

Hi Rabbi,

When a prophet makes a prediction about the future, does it have to come true? It makes sense that it should, but that's a little scary. Aren't there some pretty frightening prophecies about future wars and terrible things that will happen? Do those have to come true?

Thanks
Navah E. Scheker



Dear Navi,

You must know that the Torah is the all time best selling book in the world. That makes it a very prophetable publication! Prophecy is one of the most misunderstood concepts there is, and perhaps one of these weeks we'll start a series about it. For now, here's the info you need to get your question answered:

It makes sense that all prophecies should have to come true or else not be a prophecy. If you walk into a burger restaurant, order a burger and they serve you a salad, they're clearly failing at their purpose (or else your mom told them they better serve you veggies). Well, what

is a prophet's purpose? The Hebrew word for prophet is 'Navi' which literally means 'speaker'. A prophet's job is to communicate God's message to people. Here's where it gets tricky. HOW DO YOU KNOW that the supposed message from God is actually divine?

Maybe the prophet is a liar trying to tell you what he wants you to think God said! This is a real concern, and the Torah talks about it quite a bit. One of the main ways to determine that a prophet is legit is for them to make a prediction about the future. If a supposed prophet can predict something pretty unlikely and they do it accurately, that proves that they have access to divine knowledge (BTW, predicting something obvious or something vague doesn't prove anything- it has to be specific and unpredictable). But what happens if the prophecy doesn't come true?

If a prediction doesn't come true, then it really isn't much of a prophecy, is it? According to the consensus of traditional Jewish philosophy texts (that was a mouthful. I guess I coulda just said, "Most rabbis say") any positive prophecy (like "I will take you out of Egypt") must come true. However if a prophecy is about a negative thing happening, like wars or

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punishments, that doesn't always come true. An example of this is the prophet Jonah who delivered a prophecy about the destruction of Nineveh, which never happened. Negative prophecies are meant to inspire people to change. In the case of Nineveh, there was a city-wide transformation, people became better and

therefore the tragedies did not occur. You're worried about the apocalyptic prophecies of the future. The good news is that since they're negative prophecies they don't absolutely have to happen, if people change and become better.

Have a Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

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Hello, customer service? Yes, this is Moses. I'm afraid the grasshoppers you sent me are defective. They're just chilling instead of destroying Egypt.

Pardon me sir, but we have a notation here saying you requested the lo cost option... Ohhhhhh.



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