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You Got a Light?

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Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the menorah,
We'll play some songs on Spotify, or on Pandora,
Gather round the iPhone and let's send some tweets,
Dreidel app to play with and then Uber Eats...

Ok. That had nothing to do with anything, and I'm having wayyy too much fun with this. Or else way too little sleep. Or a combination of the two. We're nearly at Purim, why am I talking about menorahs? Because Tetzaveh, this week's Torah portion talks about the menorah in the Holy Temple (I've got no excuse for the dreidel or Spotify references; I just got carried away... hey, the Menorah got carried away by Titus, maybe that's what I was thinking...)



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Anyhow. Back to our regularly scheduled Dvar Torah.

Why was there a menorah in the Beit Hamikdash? Why should we mere mortals kindle a flame for God? Surely God does not require our light. The Midrash answers with the following example (some slight details may have been altered):

Simon was failing all of his classes miserably. No. He was failing them epicly. Legendarily. He was on the trajectory of going down in history as one of the most spectacular school failures ever. Simon had no interest in schoolwork. He couldn't remember the names of his teachers, let alone the stuff they taught. He was a mess. Then along came Jones. Cameron Jones might be the world's greatest tutor, and he took Simon under his wing. Jones encouraged, challenged, engaged and interested Simon in ways that nobody ever had before. Jones seemed to have the answer to every question. He knew formulas by heart, he had an encyclopedic memory for history and science, and could conjure up mathematical solutions easier than a toddler dumping a box of cereal on a floor you just swept. By the end of the semester, Simon, who had been failing everything, was now keeping up with his class, interested in learning, and ready to move on to the next grade.

As Simon and Cameron Jones were about to say goodbye for the final time, Jones stopped Simon with

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a strange request. "Hey Simon, I'm doing this crossword puzzle and I'm stuck. Can you help me? I need a three letter word for 'male child'. Can you think of anything?" Simon looked puzzled for a moment before answering. "Boy?" He suggested timidly.

"Thank you so much! You've really been a huge help!"
Simon beamed, so proud that he had helped his mentor, and given something in return.

God does not need our light any more than Jones needs Simon's answer to the world's easiest crossword question. Yet, when we take, take, take without giving back, it makes us feel a little empty inside. I know, that sounds like the opposite of logic. If you take, you should feel full, but that's not how it works. We feel somewhat ashamed to receive good from someone without reciprocating. God

gave us a chance to give back to Him by 'lighting His fire' even though He has no need for our fire. It's for us. We receive so much from God, that it's important for us to at least attempt to give Him something back.

I think this lesson can be applied to everyday life, particularly if you're a kid. You might not wanna hear this, but you are a constant recipient of kindness from others. Usually your parents (even though they took away your phone for two days last week- that doesn't make them worthless), who feed clothe, house you and care for your emotional needs as well. They might ask you to help them from time to time. Sometimes you might think, "You can do that for yourself just as easily. What're you asking me for?" Do something for them. Give back. It's not only the right thing to do, it'll help you feel better about yourself. And it'll make Jones proud.



Awesometastic birthday wishes to Nageela family members celebrating their birthdays:

Aaron Frome	Abigail Rivera
Bennett Warnick	Sam Hodara
Gideon Peters	Alex Davidson
Tehilla Gross	Ori Yaron
	Ofri Yaron

mazel tov!

to Bennet Warnick and his family: Matthew, Allison and Sydney upon his Bar Mitzvah celebration this Shabbat!

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VIP reception at 4:30.



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& wolves
Feb. 16th, 7:30-9p
@ the Lockers

Biblical Cosplay

Hi Rabbi,

I learned about the special clothes of the priests, and they were odd. Bells on the robes, and a golden headband. Lots of bling. What's the deal? Mascots dress weird. They're funny. Is that why the priests in the holy temple wore such strange clothing?

Thanks,

Cody D'Resse

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

*Have a question?
Please send it in to
stump@
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Questions here are (mostly) real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Dear D'Resse, Cody,

Have you ever heard of the Swiss guard? Now THEY have weird costumes. The Swiss Guard is the name of the small army guarding the Vatican and the Pope. They wear very unusual ceremonial costumes with yellow, red and blue stripes as they have for the past 500 years. Yet something has changed. This week, the guard traded in their heavy metal helmets- which get super hot and sweaty- with 3D printed plastic helmets that look pretty much the same. They are about half the weight, and the thermal plastic doesn't absorb heat the same way the metal helmets did.

Kids don't try this at home, but my guess is that if you swing a chainsaw at 3D printed helmet, it might not protect very well. That's just an assumption on my part. They switched to the plastic

helmets, because they don't use them in battle. The Swiss Guard's uniform has no real purpose except to look impressive. Yet some uniforms have truly important purposes. Military camouflage, for example, makes the wearer completely invisible. Right? It should at least make them harder to pinpoint in a forest. An invisibility cloak, on the other hand...

A goalie's uniform in hockey is there to make sure that he keeps some teeth and ribs. Good luck on the teeth.

When the Kohein Gadol- the chief 'priest' in our Holy Temple served, he wore eight special garments. They might look a little unusual to you, but the Talmud explains the purpose of each one:

The long robe, called the 'me-il' had bells on its hem. These bells chimed whenever the Kohein walked, reminding all those

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The 'mitznefet' was a tall hat or turban, which represented being a big shot; people thinking they're bigger than they really are. The special belt separated the top and bottom half of the body, representing the need to separate our desires from our thoughts. I won't go

around of people's chattering. These bells reminded us of the dangers of Lashon Hara- harmful talk- which happens when people chatter about each other. The Kohein wearing it while he performed the service helped the Jewish people achieve forgiveness for this terrible mistake.

The golden headband, called the 'tzit' (not to be confused with tzitzit which is neither gold, nor a headband, except when your 3 year old brother finds a gold marker and ties it around his head...) had God's name written upon it, and was worn on the forehead. Wearing God's name on the forehead represented inappropriate boldness, orchutzpah, which is often manifested in boldly facing someone instead of turning away in embarrassment.

through all the rest of them, but you can see what they are on the diagram.

As you can see, the Kohein's special canonicals (I love that word) were not simply an unusual job uniform. Each and every part of it was meaningful and significant in its own right. Every material and thread used has a deeper meaning, as well. Also, it looked cool.

And no, it can't be 3D printed.

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi



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

This Monday, Presidents Day, Summerlin NageeLatte will be taking a day off! All Summerliners are welcome to join us TUESDAY at 6:45 at the District for Green Valley NageeLatte!

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 help partner with Camp Nageela West!

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