

VERY PUNNY

There was a kidnapping at school.

Then he woke up.

Ouch. Have a better pun?

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Mitzvah Minute

Cow? I don't see a cow? What cow?

Source:

- You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep lost, and ignore them... you are not able to ignore. (Book of Devraim-chapter 22, verse 1-3).

Details:

- This mitzvah is connected to the mitzvah of returning lost items. There is a positive mitzvah, "You shall surely return them." Today's mitzvah tells us that if one sees a lost item and ignores it, he has violated a negative commandment.
- This mitzvah applies if you simply don't pick up an item or if you pick it up and fail to (attempt to) return it.

If you do pick it up and then get lazy, you're doing two things: ignoring a lost item, and actually stealing someone's item. That's totally not cool.

- Once you see an item that has an identifying mark (siman), it's your responsibility, and there's no time limit. You've got to keep trying to return it... pretty much forever (with some exceptions. Contact your local Rabbi).
- There are times when it may be OK to



ignore an item, such as if returning it would cost the owner more money than it's worth, or if it's beneath your dignity (like if it's a Red Sox jersey and you're a Yankees fan)

- Even if the loser is a real loser (even if he's a bad guy), ya still gotta return his stuff.

Lessons:

- We must develop care and concern for everyone's property. If you lost something, you'd surely want it returned to you.
- If we are so careful to return stuff, we sure need to be careful to help return people who are lost.

Question of the Week

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As we mentioned last week, some mitzvot may only be done by an adult (12 or 13 for girls and boys respectively). But once you've become obligated at that age, each mitzvah tends to stick.

What mitzvah has an expiration age when you no longer have to do it?



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Stump The Rabbi



Do Bulls Hum?

Dear Rabbi,

I've always learned that Moses was the greatest teacher of the Jews. That makes sense to me. I also heard that he was the most humble man ever. That seems a little strange. Why would he be so humble if he's so great? Also, didn't he write those words, "Moses was humble?" That seems like a little bit of a contradiction. How could a humble person write those words?

Hugh Millady,

Dear Hugh,

According to dictionary.com, the word "humble" translates as: having a feeling of insignificance, inferiority, subservience, etc.: or low in rank, importance, status, quality, etc.; lowly:.

As you pointed out, that could not have been the case for Moses. Hey, he had man to man conversations with God, and was the man chosen to free the people from slavery and

bring down the Torah from Sinai. He was not inferior or subservient, and he certainly was not low in rank! So what does it mean?

You've probably heard of self esteem. Some people have low self esteem, and these are people you might notice think lowly of themselves. Others have high esteem, and they exude self confidence and certainty. Do you have any friends who like to brag and boast? What does that say about them? Do they have high self esteem, or low?

Most studies that I've seen suggest that people with low self esteem are the most likely to shout about how great they are. They don't feel so good about themselves, so they need to pump themselves up, loudly beating their chests, "Look at how great I am!"

Being humble, on the other hand, is connected to high self esteem. "I understand that I'm valuable and talented. That doesn't give me an excuse to brag, or to put anyone else down." Realizing our self worth also helps us recognize our place in the universe, and that no matter how great we may be, we have received everything we have from God.

Let's look at it this way: You bombed your geography test. You studied (but maybe not enough), but it was hard, and you crashed pretty

badly. Your teacher is super nice and has mercy on you. "This time, I'll forget about the bad grade. I'll just give you an A." You look at the other kids and are like, "Yes! I rock! I'm the coolest! I got an A! What did you get, B boy? I'm an A man!" Your teacher looks at you like you're gum stuck to the bottom of her shoe, and for good reason. You did very little to earn that grade. It makes no sense to boast to the other students about what you have!

Now let's look at life. Are you smarter than other kids? OK, maybe. Why is that? Because you were born with a higher IQ. Are you better at ballet or basketball? God gave you physical coordination as a gift, which does not make you a better person. Do you have more money, better fashion sense, improved social skills, musical talent, awesome hair, or a charming smile? These are gifts we should appreciate while realizing that they don't make us better than anyone else who is making the most of their own abilities.

The mark of humility is recognizing your own awesomeness, and not letting it get to your head. Realizing your talents, but respecting everyone else's. Of course Moses was humble. He was awesome, and he knew that all of his accomplishments were achieved with God's gifts and blessings.

Realize that you, too (Hugh, too) are awesome. So are your friends. A self confident, humble person recognizes that, and helps other people feel good, too.

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the Rabbi

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Answer of the Week

question on page 1

CAUTION:

Don't read this answer until you've read the question on page 1! DON'T CHEAT!

HEY, STOP LOOKING!

There's a mitzvah in the Torah to honor an elderly person. This includes standing up for them as they enter a room, among other things. This age is generally accepted as being seventy years old (although some say sixty). However, an elderly person does not have to honor another elderly person. So once you turn seventy yourself, your mitzvah obligation has expired!

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