

Parshas Devarim
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Deuteronomus Rex by Rabbi Dani Locker



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Lots of big and scary enemies, giants and armies and massive walled cities. That sounds like the trailer for some new movie with kings and dragons... well, minus the dragon part, that's pretty much what it is. Except it isn't a movie (at least not yet). It's our history. The fifth section of the Torah, known as Devarim (or Deuteronomy, for some inexplicable reason) is the recap of the Jewish people's adventures in the desert. As our great leader Moses is nearing the end of his life, he spends time reminding his people about all the positive and challenging events that had happened during the previous 40 years wandering the desert.

One of the stories he reminds them of is when they sent scouts to the land of Israel because they didn't trust God's word that it was a good land.

Epic fail.

They were afraid to go to Israel, which was a huge lack of faith on their part, and lots of badness and sadness followed.

Then they decided they wanted to go to Israel. Moses said no. A group of them decided to go anyway.

Epic fail, the remix.

Here's my question:

So, hey; please decide what you want, Moses our great leader. If you want us to be pumped about going to Israel, then don't be upset when we're excited to go. If you want us to be cautious and take our time, then don't be upset when we seem nervous to go! How are the Jewish people supposed to know what to do?

Aha! That's exactly it! We have a really good way to know what to do. We have excellent leaders, who are wise and connected to God. Life is complicated, and we don't always know what to do on our own. One of the foundations of Judaism is the understanding that God wants us to listen to prophets and Torah leaders. When the Jews originally sent the scouts, Moses was against it. They should have listened to him. When they were pumped to go to Israel, Moses informed them that they'd lost the chance, and guess what... they should have listened to him. Especially when you've got a leader like Moses, **JUST LISTEN TO HIM!**

We don't have leaders like Moses. Not even an witty, bitty, teensy, tinsy bit close to Moses. Yet

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the Talmud tells us that each generation's leaders are equal to Moses, when it comes to listening. Who are the great Rabbis in your town? The world? Do you know? It's a good idea to find out. Following them is an epic win.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Since we haven't done this in a while, here's birthday wishes for all the July birthdays!

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EVERYONE ELSE!

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For 6th-8th graders

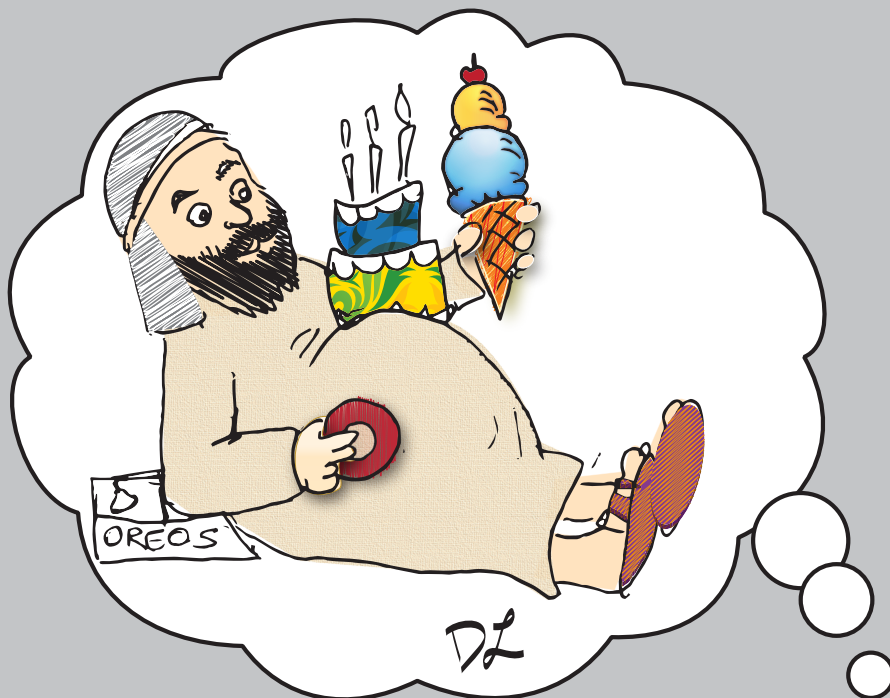
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