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Super Kvetchers

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Jake and Stan were very lucky. They were going on a epic vacation. This wasn't just any vacation. Their close friend Eric came from a really wealthy family (they owned a big tech company), and was taking his two close friends with him, in their private jumbo jet on a month long trip to Europe.

They would cruise on yachts, fly in luxury, sleep in castles, eat the best food, and not have to pay a penny. These brothers didn't have much money- they lived with their dad who struggled financially, and they were excited that Eric had invited them this summer.

From the moment the trip started- even before takeoff- they started complaining:

"This seat doesn't recline enough." Grumbled Stan.

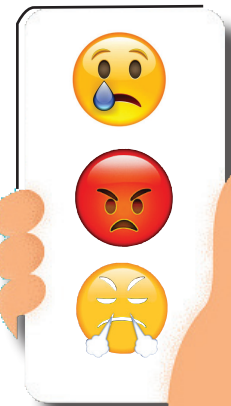
doesn't have orange soda? I want orange soda!" was Jake's grievance. "What do you mean, we have a curfew?"

"I'll watch whatever I want to watch in the hotel room!"

"The cruise is making me seasick!"

"I ordered room service 6 minutes ago. How slow are you?"

When the trip was over, Eric's parents made it clear that these two friends were never coming on a family vacation again.



Candle lighting

Honolulu	6:50
Scottsdale	7:12
San Diego	7:31
Henderson	7:31
Las Vegas	7:32
Irvine	7:36
Los Angeles	7:39
Reno	7:59
Oakland	8:04
Park City	8:30

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"The plane

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As crazy as Stan and Jake's actions were (btw, true story, I just changed the names), it's pretty common for people to find things to complain about even when they're getting the best of everything. Our Torah portion opens with the Jews in the desert, having been miraculously rescued from Egypt, crossing the sea on dry land, eating the incredible Manna- the bread that literally fell from the sky- and drinking water from a 'magical' spring. They had heard God speaking to them, had the greatest leader of all time, and had recently constructed the Mishkan, which was a place that helped them have a direct relationship with God. Life was great, right? It sure doesn't seem that way from reading the parsha.

"Who will feed us meat?"

"We remember that in Egypt, we got free fish. oh, and cucumbers and watermelon."

"We're doing too much walking!"

Dude, really? You remember the fish they gave you in Egypt? Was that before or after they whipped you for not working hard enough?

You liked the watermelon, huh?

You like that with a side of "We're

going to throw your babies in the river?"

How could smart people (they all had prophecy, so they were no slouches) possibly think that way?

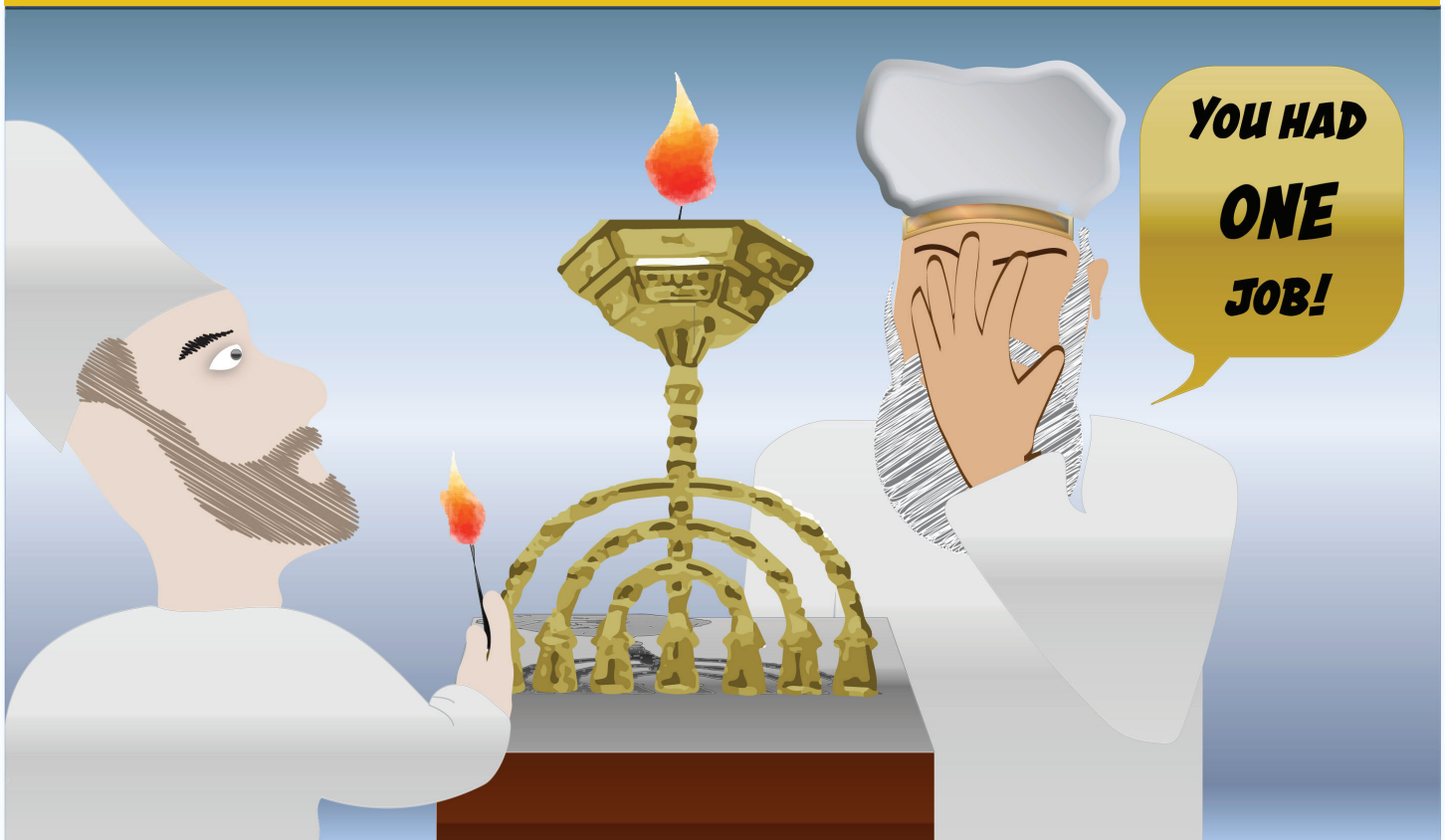
Human nature. It's amazing. Things can be terrible and get better, and we're very grateful, but it takes all of 5 minutes for us to get so comfortable with our new situation, that it becomes an expectation. We ALL have loads of good things in our lives. How do we view them? Are we happy, or do we grumble and mumble because we want it to be better? A person who expects everything in life is never happy. A person who expects nothing is always grateful.

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

Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

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



#173 Rock and Roles

Hi Rabbi,

Why is it that men and women have a different number of commandments? I think men actually have more mitzvot than women do. Why is that a thing? Is there a certain type of commandment that one has and not the other?

Thanks,
Alex Sheschaiyl



Dear ASheschaiyl,

Do you remember last week when we spoke about harmony? Of course you do! We mentioned that in order for a team to function properly, there need to be people playing all positions. You can't have a team of all quarterbacks, pitchers, or goalies. The same thing applies to music bands, businesses and even schools. Everyone plays a different role and has special rules for that role. It would be totally weird for your teacher to skip class in order to cook the school lunch, just as it would be odd for the rock band's drummer to grab an electric guitar and start playing. Not just odd really, it would be wrong for his job. All players are vital to the success of the mission, and one isn't more important than the next.

There are many different categories of

people in the world who have different roles and therefore different sets of mitzvot. For example, there's a family of Jews called Kohanim who have a set of rules all for themselves. Because their job was to serve in the Holy Temple, it is forbidden for them to come into contact with a dead body, forbidden for them to drink alcohol during the service, and they even had restrictions on whom they could marry.

Men and women, too, have different jobs, and different skill sets. Perhaps the most important of all responsibilities any human can have is to care for their children. For Jews, it gets kicked up a notch. Our children are the future continuity of the Jewish people, of our tradition from Sinai, and of thousands of years of Jewish families. It's safe to say that raising the next generation of good Jews is the most important job in the

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world. Although both parents have a role in raising happy, healthy, wonderful children, it has long been understood that mothers (usually) play the main role in their children's upbringing. So yeah, there are other reasons too, but one idea is that women are exempt from a lot of the commandments, so that they can focus on their primary objective. Imagine a brain surgeon who has trained for years to perform life saving operations. She gets a call from the hospital that there's a patient awaiting an emergency procedure. The surgeon starts rushing to her car, but then remembers she has forgotten

to water the plants, and she had promised to bake a cake for her nephew's birthday party. Should she stop and take care of these wonderful tasks?

NO NO NO!

She's got one job to do and it's an important one!

Praying with a minyan, excellent thing to do. Eating in a Sukkah, fantastic! Studying Torah, sweet move! Yet none of these are directly part of the main goal of being the very greatest trainer of excellent human beans. These mitzvahs should be done when and if they don't distract and interfere with the mission. Shabbat candles are one of a Jewish woman's special mitzvahs. The



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ALWAYS GET
ONE FREE!**

idea is to increase peace and joy in the home. This fits in perfectly with her purpose. When you have one job to do, make sure you're doing that job right! Have a Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi



Sundays are always a little bit sad...

But the day before is a sadder day.

OUCH! GRRRRROAAAN!

Have a better joke and want a shoutout in Nageela Shabbos? Just email it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

**HAPPY
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Best wishes to our friends and family members celebrating this week...

EVENTS THIS WEEK!

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