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Remember the AlaMoses

by Rabbi Dani Locker

“It’s good to remember stuff.” Someone once told me that. Can’t remember who it was.

In this week’s reading, the Torah tells us to remember a few things. When the Torah makes a point of telling us to remember things, you know it’s gonna be pretty important. One of these things is to remember what happened to Miriam in the desert. Here’s the story (which I did not forget):

Moses was the leader of the Jewish people, and the greatest prophet who ever lived. Because of his close connection to God, he needed to always

be available, and ended up spending a lot of time away from his family. Moses had a sister named Miriam and a brother named Aaron. Both were older than he, and great prophets as well. Miriam was concerned with Moses’ family life, and complained to Aaron about it. She said something like this. “We’re both prophets, and we still spend lots of time with our families. Why does Moses, who is greater than we are but not soooo much greater... why can’t he stay with the fam?” God wasn’t happy with Miriam’s criticism of Moses, and she got a disease called tzara’as. God explained that Moses was in a completely different category than

Aaron and Miriam. He was the greatest prophet that EVER lived, and God spoke to him face to face. He should not have been compared to other, ordinary prophets. Moses prayed for her to get better and they all lived happily ever after.

The mitzvah to remember Miriam is in order to make sure we don’t make a similar mistake. What was Miriam’s primary mistake? Was it that she complained, or that she spoke negatively about someone? According to Targum Yonasan, her mistake was making an assumption, and underestimating her brother. Had she truly realized Moses’ greatness, she would never have criticized him.

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on Chaim Meir’s bar mitzvah

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Stump The Rabbi

You Only Live Twice

Last episode, we started discussing the afterlife, in response to the following question:

Hi Rabbi,

Why don't Jews believe in heaven and hell, like Christians do? What do Jews believe about the afterlife, if there is one at all?

Thanks,

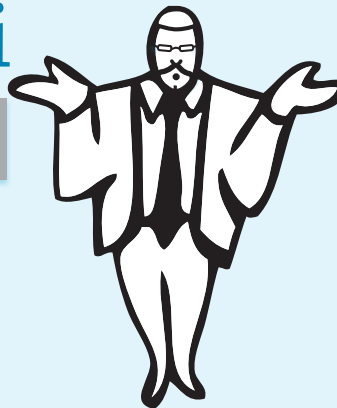
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This week, we'll discuss what the Torah and Jewish tradition do tell us about the afterlife. I mentioned last time that we Jews do believe in an afterlife. How does it make sense? How can there be any concept of reward or punishment; pain or pleasure without a body?

Some of you know that I'm a Yankee fan. LET'S GO YANKEES! Ok, I know. Not the time or place. Buzzkill. I recently spent some time in New Jersey, so I decided to take advantage and listen to the game on the actual radio. I was in my car, and managed to find the station. Unfortunately, depending on where I drove, the radio reception became really fuzzy. A few times it cut out completely. Now, I'm pretty sure John Sterling wasn't under water during the game, yet, because of the changes in distance and interference from stuff in between, he sure sounded that way.

Now, let me ask you a question: which type of sensation is stronger, physical or emotional? Think about it. Think about a physical pleasure,



like ice cream or pickle juice. Now think about an emotional pleasure, like scoring the winning goal, or pickle juice. Which feeling is stronger? Now keep thinking about it... Eventually, most people realize that true emotional sensation is stronger than physical sensation. It's even more obvious when it comes to pain. Breaking an arm is incredibly painful, but I don't think anyone has ever gone mad from that pain. Yet emotional pain drives people crazy every day.

This might help you understand how you can feel pleasure or pain without a body. The oral Torah teaches us that the ultimate sensation of pleasure comes from being connected to the awesomeness of God. While we've got a body, it's interference, so we can't truly feel that pleasure. We get so distracted by our physical feelings that we can't comprehend what the pleasure of being close to God means. But on a spiritual, and even on an emotional level, we can feel great pleasure from it.

Some Jewish thinkers have explained that the Torah concept of pain and pleasure in the afterlife are actually the exact same thing! TRUTH! Once we see with clarity, the truth of our lives, and we clearly see our greatest successes and failures, we're filled with incredible feelings of joy for our accomplishments, and dreadful disappointment at the things we should've done better.

We may not believe in devils with pitchforks, or angels with harps (why would an angel play a harp, really? Electric guitars are SO much cooler). Yet we believe in an extremely real,

permanent (as in forever) afterlife,
which can grant us pleasure greater
than pickles, if we earn it!

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the Rabbi

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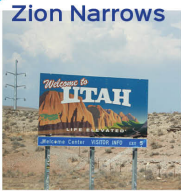
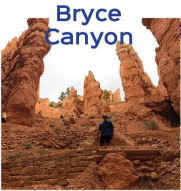
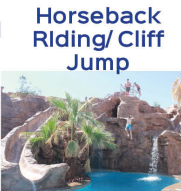
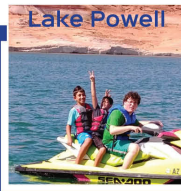
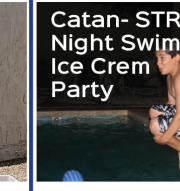
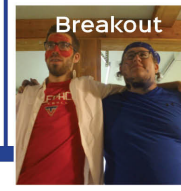
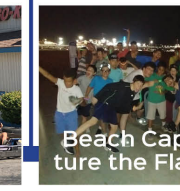
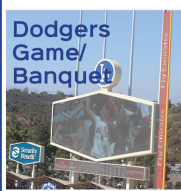
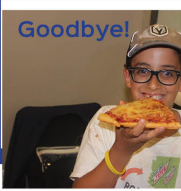
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There are times when it's OK, or even necessary to criticize. If someone is doing something wrong, then as a friend, sibling or neighbor, we may be obligated to put them right. But we better be quite sure we're reading the situation right. So, so, so many times we see something and think we understand, and we assume the worst. Yet there's often a perfectly reasonable explanation.

Remember Miriam. Remember a great person who misjudged another great person. Remember the small mistake she made, thinking her brother was super great, but not super- duper great (yes, those are complex biblical terms), which lead to an uncomfortable and embarrassing punishment. Remember to always think twice before judging another person, and then think a third time. And remember... Remember... Remember to... shoot. I can't remember what.



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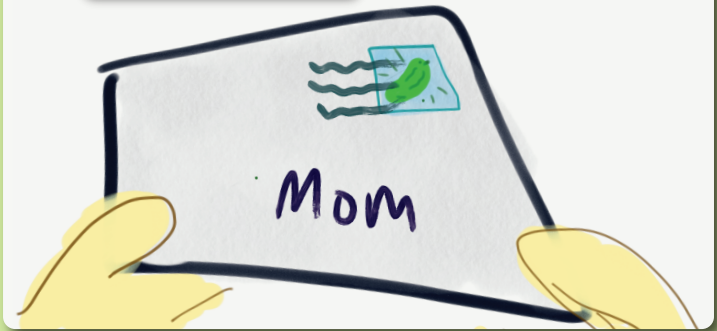
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