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Kollel Updates - Keeping you in the Loop

255 at the Bowlathon!

Thanks to those who bowled and to those who sponsored bowlers to raise money for underprivileged children to attend Jewish camp this summer. Our lead bowler, Matt Minkowsky bowled a 255, nearly bankrupting the city of Las Vegas (well, not quite, but close). It was a great atmosphere as we used the lanes at the Red Rock for such a great cause. Followed by...

Annual Family BBQ

The BBQ is one of the Kollel/Nageela's longest running events (4 years and counting), and each year it seems to get better. This year we were privileged to celebrate Nageela Hebrew School student Brooke Wallace's Bas Mitzvah at the BBQ! A wonderful time was had by all!

Rabbi Becher Seminar!

This coming Sunday, June 10th, we are excited to welcome Rabbi Mordechai Becher to our city. Rabbi Becher will be joining us on the afternoon of Sunday, June 10th, so pencil it in your calendars. Those interested in a full-service seminar, Rabbi Becher will be providing 4 hours of lecture beginning at 2:30. The main event will be the 6pm lecture at the Adelson Campus. If you plan on coming but are concerned



with childcare, please contact us ASAP and we will make arrangements for you there! Rabbi Becher will also be speaking first at Ahavas Torah Center at noon, for the convenience of those residing on the Eastern edge of the valley.

CAMP NAGEELA WEST WISHLIST

- Quality Sports Equipment
- Bulk Arts and Crafts Equipment
- xbox 360 games (appropriate)
- Office Supplies
- Jewish English Books

Oneg Shabbos for Kids

This Shabbos, June 9th, there will be an afternoon oneg/ stump the rabbi/ havdallah at the Lockers' home, 1661 Encarta St. It's for all kids 7 and up, begins @7:30pm and will end with a musical havdallah at 9:00pm

Follow the Kollel on Twitter!

There are a few ways to follow us online. On twitter, follow @LVKollel for class schedules and wonderful Torah insights. For news and photos from Camp Nageela West and Nageela LV

Youth Programs, follow @NageelaWest.

Time is Running Out!

The clock continues to tick toward the third fabulous season of camp Nageela West. In just a few weeks, dozens of Las Vegas (and elsewhere) children will experience the warmth, fun and inspiration of a Nageela summer. If you are considering Camp Nageela West for this summer but have not yet registered, visit nageelawest.org immediately after Shabbos to register! If you have a potential camper, or would like to sponsor a camper, please be sure to let us know!

Nageela Parents

All camp forms are now available to download on our website. Please visit nageelawest.org and click on 'download camp forms'.

Summer Schedule

As summer approaches, and Camp Nageela West and other external programs begin, please check with your Kollel Rabbi regarding the status of classes. Most regular classes will maintain their current schedule for at least a few more weeks, and some will remain all summer. Stay tuned!

Rabbi Locker's Parsha Class is still on for this coming Thursday, which will be the final class until late August

Who is the Las Vegas Kollel?



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Born Identity

In this week's portion the Jewish people complained to Moses that they wanted to eat meat. Their food sustenance was the manna from heaven, and they had had enough. They went back to their tents and wept.

At this point Moses was very distraught over the predicament that he found himself in. He was incapable of providing the nation with what they'd requested and was at the end of his abilities to lead the people. So he began a conversation with God, expressing very powerfully the difficult situation that he, as a leader, was now faced with.

In communicating his distress to God, Moses expressed that leading the Jewish people had become beyond his capabilities.

"Have I conceived this people, or have I given birth to it, that You request of me to carry it in my chest like the nursemaid holds the infant?"

Moses was saying that he could no longer tolerate the bitter complaints of the people because he was not their parent; he had not given birth to them. He was therefore at a loss as how to continue to lead them

The clear implication is that if Moses was truly the parent of the Jewish people, had he actually given birth to them, then he would be able to continue to lead them. Why? What is that a parent has- that critical ingredient that enables him or her to continue to direct their child even when the child is resistant and difficult?

Rabbi Ovadia Seforno of Italy, explains in his monumental commentary to the Torah that a parent has the trust of the child. With all of the differences of opinion that a parent and child might have, nevertheless, the parent can still guide the child, because the child will accept that guidance. Why? Because has no doubt that the parent loves him, and will do the best to benefit the child.

Moses, however, was distressed that the people didn't have that trust in him, and therefore when they had differences of opinion, they didn't trust him do what was best for them. Rather, they want to see what it is that he will accomplish for them. Therefore, the people did not accept his guidance and leadership, and he was therefore unable to lead them. This is the critical distinction between one who is a parent and one who is not.

Looking deeper into the matter, we can see the tremendous advantage a parent has. Moses did truly love the Jewish people, and indeed they saw his efforts to guide them in the desert. They knew how he interceded on their behalf and saved them from destruction after the sin of the Golden Calf.

They saw how, prior to Jethro's judicial advice, Moses had been, unaided, listening to and judging the people from morning until night. They certainly knew that Moses was indeed a very dedicated and caring leader on their behalf. Yet, with all of this, he was not their parent, and was at a disadvantage, because a child knows that the parent has even more love for him than all of what Moses gave of himself to them.

The love of a parent goes much deeper than even what Moses provided for them, and whatever, the child may say, deep down, they know that the parent loves them much much more. Therefore, in the final analysis, the child would accept the guidance of the parent to do what is best for them since they trust in the parent's powerful love of them.

Have a great Shabbos, and I look forward to seeing you THIS SUNDAY at Rabbi Becher's seminar,

Rabbi David Y. Kitainik

A Child knows that a parent has more love for him than even Moses would

Who are the Kollel Rabbis?



Rabbi Yehoshua Fromowitz

Rabbi David Y. Kitainik



Rabbi Dani Locker



Rabbi Eliyahu Davidowitz

