SORRY IS THE HARDEST WORD
TEMPLE SHOLOM YK 5785 FAMILY SERVICE STORY

CAST:

ZIZ: YAEL
GOD: RABBI DAN (off stage not seen)
MOM: ANNETTE
CHILD: RAQUEL
PEOPLE: DANI & MAT

MATERIALS: BIRD COSTUME, SILLY STRING, PALM TREES

SUMMARY: Ziz is a Giant Bird who is clumsy and breaks things all the time, he never says he is sorry, but just tries to cover up his mistakes.

Ziz enters the room stumbling and bumbling, every time he bangs into something he says "woopsie daisey" God calls him to Mt Sinai and gives him a mission

GOD: Ziz, Ziz!

Ziz: Who is there?

GOD: It's me, God, come here?

Ziz: Where is here, I hear your voice but I don't see you.

GOD: Well I see you, I see you stumbling and bumbling and breaking things all over my world. Do you know how long it takes me to make a tree? They don't just grow on tree you know?!

ZIZ: Well actually…

GOD: Never mind. My point is you keep breaking things and all you ever say is, "*woopsie daisey*". What does that even mean?

Ziz: I don't know, I just like how it sounds.

GOD: Ziz I have a mission for you, a quest. I would like you to bring back to me the hardest word there is to say.

ZIZ: That's easy, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

GOD: I think there is a word even harder than supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

ZIZ: OK I'll go look

Ziz flys all over the room and finds a Mom (Annette) trying to put a child to bed (Raquel). Act out not wanting to go to sleep. Trying to get Alex to say Goodnight, but he won't say the word.

ZIZ: God, I think I have the hardest word, its “Goodnight”

GOD: That is a hard word for kids to say especially when they want to stay up late but it’s not the hardest word.

Ziz tries again and sees two people talking, one is having a sneezing fit (every time he sneezes he shoots silly string) the other is trying to say Gehzuntheit but can’t get it out because he keeps getting sneezed on.

DANI & MATT act the scene above, with silly string shooting out of your nose.

ZIZ: God I think I have it, “Gehzuntheit” is the hardest word because its hard to say without getting sneezed on.

GOD: Yes it is hard to say, but not what he had in mind,

God sneezes

ZIZ *“God Bless You”*

GOD: Thank you I will.

Ziz then goes out to the congregation and asks for other hard words to say (ham it up). Takes them all to God. Finally Ziz comes back one last time on the evening of Yom Kippur

GOD: what word did you bring?

ZIZ I’m sorry, I can’t find the hardest word. I tried but I failed, I’m sorry

GOD that’s it that’s the hardest word, “Sorry” It’s a hard word for people to say because it means admitting that we did something wrong, and that’s really hard to do. While all the words your brought me are hard, sorry is the hardest.

ZIZ: I always say I’m sorry on Yom Kippur.

GOD: We need to learn to say it at other times too.

ZIZ: Like when I break something? Its better than “woopsie-daisey”?

GOD: Yes it is Ziz, because sorry shows you care about someone’s feelings.

ZIZ: Thanks God, I gotta go I have some ‘Sorrys’ to say to a few people, and a whole bunch of trees