BIG ROCKS AND LITTLE ROCKS
YK 5783 STORY

CAST:
RABBI – DAN
BIG SINNER – Annette
LITTLE SINS – ELLIOT & Yael
NARRATOR – Mary

Once upon a time a Rabbi was cleaning up the synagogue just before the start of Yom Kippur services, the holiest day of the year where every Jew in the world comes to shul and says they are sorry for what they have done wrong. Sorry for how they lied to themselves, how they hurt others how they disappointed G-d.

As the rabbi was cleaning the sanctuary a young person came up to the rabbi.

ANNETTE
Rabbi – I just wanted to stop by and tell you I won't be in synagogue today on Yom Kippur.

RABBI
Oh really? Why won't you be in shul on this the holiest day of the year, the day we apologize to G-d for all the times we tried to do good but ended up doing bad?

ANNETTE
Well you see Rabbi, I really haven't done much bad this year, in fact I only did one bad thing, its was a big thing, but it was only one thing, so I figure since I only did one bad thing I don't really need to come to shul and apologize - it was only one thing.

RABBI
Oh, I see

NARRATOR –
As the rabbi was talking to the person, two other people came in to also talk to the rabbi

YAEL
Rabbi – we just wanted to let you know that we won't be in synagogue today.

RABBI
Oh really? Why won't you be in shul on this the holiest day of the year, the day we apologize to G-d for all the times we tried to do good but ended up doing bad?

ELLIOT

Well you see rabbi, we are really very nice people, we haven't done anything really bad this past year, just a bunch of little tiny things.

YAEL
Our bad actions are so small they are hardly worth mentioning, so we figured why waste G-d's time with a bunch of little stuff that is hardly even bad or hurtful or wrong.

ELLIOT
Yeah, G-d's a busy G-d so we figured we'd G-d wouldn't want to be bothered by our little bad actions and deeds.

RABBI
Oh, I see

ANNETTE, ELLIOT & YAEL
Great – OK glad we got that all cleared up, have a nice day, rabbi, have a great service, g'mar tov and we'll see you next year. Bye Bye

RABBI
Before you leave, I need some help with something, can you help me, it will only take a few minutes.

ANNETTE, ELLIOT & YAEL
Uh, Ok, Sure – yeah if it will only take a few minutes

RABBI -> ANNETTE
There is a huge boulder way up on top of that hill facing the synagogue, I think it would look great right here next to the bima. Can you go get it for me?

ANNETTE
Looks pretty heavy, but I guess I just have to roll it down hill – OK Rabbi I'll get right on it.

RABBI -> ELLIOT & YAEL
I would like to start a rock garden here at the temple, here are two sacks, please go collect small rocks and pebbles and fill them up.

ELLIOT & YAEL
Just fill the sacks with pebbles, sure that's easy – there are lots of pebbles no problem

ANNETTE STRUGGLES TO ROLL THE BOULDER DOWN OFF AN IMAGINARY HILL TO THE RABBI

ELLIOT & YAEL *GO AROUND THE ROOM COLLECTING STONES FROM KIDS IN THE CONGREGATION – THEY WILL BE PLANTED UNDER SEATS*

ANNETTE BRINGS BOULDER BACK TO RABBI, ELLIOT & YAEL *COME WITH FULL SACKS*

ANNETTE
Rabbi that was a lot of work, it was really quite big and heavy, but here it is.

ELLIOT & YAEL
Rabbi here are your pebbles, there were so many we lost count.

RABBI
Thank you, but I have changed my mind I don't like the boulder here and we really don't have room for a rock garden. Please go put back the boulder and the pebbles just as you found them.

ELLIOT
But rabbi we collected so many

YAEL
We can't possibly remember which rock came from which place or person

RABBI
Oh, I see

ANNETTE
Rabbi it was one thing to roll this heavy boulder down hill, but rolling it up hill, its so big how will I ever put it back.

RABBI
Oh, I see

Annette – you said that you only did one bad thing all year, it was big but only one thing so there was no need to apologize for it as it was only once.

Yael & ELLIOT you said you did lots of little bad things this year, but since they were all so little you don't think there is any need to apologize for them, they were so little.

ANNETTE, ELLIOT & YAEL
Yeah, right, yes that's what we said.

RABBI
But do you see now that your bad deeds are like the boulder and pebbles.

Even one big bad deed is like that giant boulder, it is very hard to return it to how it was before you moved it. Big bad deeds, even just one takes extra effort, extra strength to fix and repair.

And little bad deeds like those little pebbles, we need to be very careful with those, they are so easy to do that we forget about them, we forget who we hurt or wronged and then when it comes time to say we are sorry, we forgot who we have to say we are sorry too.

ANNETTE, ELLIOT & YAEL
OK, rabbi now we see what you mean

RABBI
Good, so I guess I will SEE you in shul this afternoon

ANNETTE
Yes rabbi – right after I apologize to the one person I know I really hurt this year

YAEL
Yes rabbi – but first we are going to do tzedakkah and help people less fortunate

ELLIOT
We can't remember all the people we hurt this past year, so we will help as many as we can and hope that G-d accepts our acts of kindness as our apology for hurting others.

RABBI
Annette, ELLIOT & Yael – I think now you get the point of Yom Kippur – in fact I think all three of you ROCK!