

# Just a Story...

**Just in Time!**

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An American youngster who spent a couple of years studying in a Jerusalem yeshiva for foreign students returned home to get married. Neither his family nor that of his kalla had sufficient funds to make a respectable wedding or to get the couple started with basic necessities.

The community to which they belonged pitched in to help them. The local synagogue offered free use of its social hall and a caterer agreed to provide the meal at cost. But with so many startup expenses looming in the very near future there was room for concern.

Two days before the wedding the chatan received the good news that the ticket he bought in the raffle sponsored by his former yeshiva as a fundraising effort won the first prize of ten thousand dollars.

Not a bad wedding gift after all!



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**Hints & Answers\*** **SHMIRAS SHABBOS:** Sefer *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (18:18) writes: “Sunglasses whose lenses change color in the sun - it’s permitted to wear them on Shabbos.” **RHYME:** “pure” **PARSHA:** “*You shall know in your heart, that just as a man chastises his son, so does Hashem, your G-d, chastise you.*” (Devarim 8:5) **RIDDLE:** Humility. The *Ba’al HaTurim* writes: [The 2nd word of the parsha is] עקב “heel” [is hinting to the middah of] humility. The Torah is saying: “Learn from the heel. It follows the foot, in a way of humility. Therefore, it does not get stubbed like the toes of the foot do”. **SHMITTAH:** B. [source: “A Guide to the Halachos of Shmittah” by Rav A. Wiesenfeld]

\*Note: The answers are based only on the sources quoted and might not reflect opinions of other halachic authorities. As such, Menucha’s answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha, but rather as a springboard for discussions, questions to a Moreh Hora’ah, and further study.

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## Shmiras Shabbos

### Sunglasses with Light-Sensitive Lenses



“Everyone ready?” asked Abba.

Kids showed thumbs up. They were excited for their Shabbos pleasure walk in Ein Gedi - the city in which they were spending their summer vacation.

“Oh, one thing I forgot are my special glasses that I bought yesterday,” said Abba as he took off his glasses and put on another pair.

“Abba - I didn’t know that not only do we need to put on Shabbos clothes, we also need to put on Shabbos glasses,” said innocently his youngest son Efraim.

Abba smiled and explained to Efraim, “These are light-sensitive glasses. When we’ll go in the sun, the lenses will turn dark!”

“Wow! That’s so cool!” exclaimed the kids.

“Ok, let’s go!” said Abba as he opened the door and started to walk out. Kids followed Abba. But he only put one foot out of the door and then stopped. Kids startled after bumping into each other. “Abba, is everything alright?” they asked. “Yeah...but I just realized that if the lenses will change color, that will be the *melacha* of *tzove’ah* (coloring)!”

**Question:** Can Abba go outside with these glasses?

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#### DEDICATIONS

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...כְּלִי-הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מִצְוָה הַיּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת... - *The entire mitzva that I am commanding you today, you shall guard to do...* (Devorim 8:1)

**Q.** Why instead of saying כְּלִי-הַמִּצְוָה, the Torah in this verse says כְּלִי-הַמִּצְוָה?

**A.** Based on the Zohar, the *Nesivos Shalom* explains that the Torah is teaching us here that every mitzva needs “כל” - i.e., it needs to be fulfilled בשלמות (in a complete way). And the *Nesivos Shalom* explains that just as during the creation of a man, he was not complete until he had both the body and the soul, so too, a mitzva is not complete until it has both the body and the soul. Namely, each mitzva needs to have the גוף (the body) - the action itself, and the נשמה (the soul) - the love and awe in the person’s heart who performs that mitzva.

וּמִלֶּמֶת אֶת עֶרְלַת לִבְבְּכֶם - *And you should remove the orlah of your heart...* (Devorim 10:16)

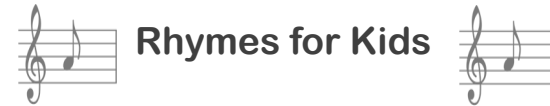
What prevents a person to do mitzvos with awe and love? The *orlah* that covers his heart. But the bright side is that the Torah in the verse quoted above (from our week’s parsha) tells us that it is within our abilities to remove that *orlah*.

**Q.** But what is the practical way that can help a person to remove the *orlah* of his heart and thereby, allow him to do mitzvos with love and awe?

**A.** In the Torah, the verse above is written right after this verse: “*Only your forefathers did Hashem desire, to love them, and He chose their offsprings after them, you, out of all peoples, as it is this day.*” (Devorim 10:15). Rashi explains that “*He chose their offsprings*” means that just like the forefathers were desirable by Hashem, so are you. It appears that the reason why this verse (10:15) that talks about Hashem’s love for us is juxtaposed to the verse “*And you should remove the orlah of your heart*” is to tell us that the way to remove the *orlah* of the heart is by internalizing the truth that Hashem desires us and loves us. So before you do a mitzva, think first how much Hashem really loves you and all of Am Yisroel. That meditation will remove the *orlah* of your heart and you will proceed to do the mitzva with awe and love.

וּבִּוּ תִדְבַק - *...and you should attach yourself to Him...* (Devorim 10:20)

Rav Meir Simcha HaKohen of Dvinsk ז”ל in his sefer *Mesbech Chochma* (Eikev, 10:20) explains that the mitzva of *d’veikus* (being attached to Hashem) is fulfilled when a person recognizes that Hashem is constantly concerned for his wellbeing and is continually taking care of him.



Rhymes for Kids

Hashem keeps my home secure,  
And I make sure to keep it \_\_\_\_\_.

וְלֹא-תָבִיא תוֹעֵבָה אֶל-בֵּיתְךָ וְהָיִיתָ חָרֵם כִּמְהוֹ שִׁקְץ תִּשְׁקָצְנִי וְתַעֲב תִּתְעַבְנִי כִּי-חָרֵם הוּא.  
*Nor should you bring an abomination into your house, lest you are to become closed off like it, but you shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is to be destroyed.* -- Parshas Eikev, Devorim 7:26

In general, as a holy, pure nation we need to keep away improper things far away from us as much as possible. Now, as the Torah reveals to us in the verse above, the one place that we need to be extra vigilant to keep pure is our home.

? Parsha Quiz-Wiz ?

Where in the parsha does the Torah compare the relationship between Hashem and a Jew to that of a father and a son?



Riddles



“Akiva - you almost never get hurt. What’s your secret?” asked his friend Chanan. “The 2nd word of this week’s parsha!” replied Akiva. What is Akiva’s secret?



Shmittah Trivia



Apple pits from Shmittah apples

- (A) Have *kedushas sheviis*
- (B) Do not have *kedushas sheviis*

