



A poor man once came to Rav Mendel of Riminov, bemoaning his dire poverty. The Rebbe handed him a generous donation. But before the poor man left, he gave him an additional coin. A family member asked him, "Why did the Rebbe give him tzedaka twice?"

The Rebbe answered, "The first time I gave him because his crying touched my heart, and I was pained when I heard about his difficult situation. The second time I gave him for the sake of the mitzvah of tzedaka."

The Rebbe continued, "This is hinted at in the verse, "You shall surely give him;" – "give" is emphasized twice (in *loshon hakodesh*). You should give the poor man once for your sake - in order that your heart should not be hardened and you should accustom yourself to have compassion on others, and through this Hashem will have compassion on you. The second time, you should give for the sake of the poor man – for the mitzvah of tzedaka.

(Source: Ukarasa Leshabbos Oneg)

Hints & Answers* **SHMIRAS SHABBOS:** The *Shulchan Aruch* (261:1) rules that during the *Bein Hash'mashos* period, one may ask a non-Jew to light a candle (since it's for a mitzva need - *Mishna Berura*). Rabbi Akiva Eiger (*Hagahos* on the *Shulchan Aruch* 261:1) learns that it's permitted to ask a non-Jew to light even more than one candle — and especially two candles (i.e., because all Shabbos candles are considered to be for a mitzva need). **ASK AROUND YOUR SHABBOS TABLE:** In last week's parsha, after the *chet ha'egel*, Moshe Rabbeinu took away the two crowns that each Yid received on Har Sinai for saying "*Na'aseh*" before "*V'nishma*" - for promising to listen to Hashem's every mitzva even if their reasons are hidden from us. The *chet ha'egel* was a failure in that promise. And that's the first *tikun* that Moshe Rabbeinu wanted Bnei Yisroel to make - build the Mishkan even without knowing what its purpose will be. **RHYME:** "greens". **RIDDLES:** 1. When Korach gathered the people to join him in his plot, the Torah says (Bamidbar 16:19): וַיִּקְהַל עֲלֵיהֶם קָרַח אֶת כָּל הָעֵדָה 2. וַיִּקְהַל עֲלֵיהֶם קָרַח אֶת כָּל הָעֵדָה (Shemos 35:24) 3. Kiyor. The Torah says that it was made from copper that came from mirrors that Jewish women donated to the Mishkan. **SHMITTAH:** Bananas, dates, grapes, kiwi, melons, oranges, pomegranates, strawberries, tangerines. [source: *Shmittah Chart—a product of "The Pocket Halacha Series—Shmittah in the Kitchen" by Rabbi 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*.



Shmiras Shabbos

Asking A Non-Jew to Light Shabbos Candles



On *erev* Shabbos, Imma decided to take a ten-minute nap before candle lighting...

After opening her eyes, and taking a look at her watch, she said with a trembling voice: "Oh wow! I cannot believe it! It's 5 minutes past *shekiya*.

And I did not the candles!"

Her 5-year-old son, Benny who happened to be there and observing this, said to Imma: "Imma, why don't you ask Maria - our non-Jewish neighbor to light the candles for you?"

"I like your idea, Benny, but I don't know how to hint that to her," said Imma.

"Why not just tell her exactly what she needs to do, Imma?" asked Benny, "Simply say: "Maria—I forgot to light my Shabbos candles and I cannot light them now because Shabbos has started. Could you light them for me please?"

Question: Did Benny give a good advice?

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A Life Lesson from the Parsha

... וביום השביעי יהיה לכם קדש שבת שבתון לה'... - *...but on the seventh day you shall have sanctity, a day of complete rest to HaShem...* (Shemos 35:2) Parshas Vayakhel begins with the mitzva of Shabbos. In Aseres HaDibros (the Ten Commandments) there are only three positive mitzvos. Shabbos is one of them. To which other positive mitzva in the Aseres HaDibros is the mitzva of Shabbos adjacent to? To the mitzva of honoring parents. Our tradition teaches that it's a mitzva to discover a new Torah insight on Shabbos (see Mishna Berura 290:3 citing the Zohar)*. In fact, when the *nesbama yiseira* of a Jew goes back to its place in the Heavenly realm on motzei Shabbos, HaKadosh Boruch asks that soul: "What *chidush* (new Torah insight) did you say this Shabbos?" [see Sha'arei Teshuva 290:1].

And the Arizal taught that when a son discovers a new Torah insight on Shabbos, his father is crowned in the World of Truth. This is a great honor that a son merits to give to his father. As such, explains the Arizal, the mitzva of honoring parents is next to the mitzva of Shabbos. [Sha'arei Teshuva. ibid.]

*When a person discovers a new Torah insight on Shabbos, he should teach it to someone on Shabbos, or at least verbalize it to himself. [see Piskei Teshuvos 290:3, and note 17 there]



Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

... כל־הַחֵמֶם־לֵב בָּכֶם יָבִיאוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ אֵת כְּלֵי־אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי ה' - And every wise hearted person among you shall come and make everything that *HaShem* has commanded. (Shemos 35:10)

In parshas Teruma, *HaShem* revealed to Moshe what the purpose of the Mishkan will be: וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשֹׁכְנָתִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם - *And they shall make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst*

Ask around your Shabbos table: In parshas Vayakhel, Moshe Rabbeinu relates to Bnei Yisroel everything about the Mishkan, yet he omits the most important part - its purpose! Why did he do that?

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Rhymes for Kids



Very soon is Nissan! Do you know what that means?!
The world is turning beautiful with flowers and _____!



Riddles & Trivia



1 וַיִּקְהַל is the 1st word of this week's parsha. This word appears one more time in the whole Torah (in Chumash). Can you find it?

2. There is a word in this week's parsha that has the same letters as in Miriam's name, but it does not mean "Miriam". Can you find it?

3. What is the *only* vessel in parshas Vayakhel that the Torah not only mentions the material that it was made out of, but also, the source of that material?



Shmittah Shaila



If one wants to make a fruit compote from Shmittah produce, which fruits from the choices below he should not use?
(more than one answer will apply)

Choices: Apples, apricots, bananas, cherries, dates, grapes, kiwi, lychees, melons, oranges, pears, peaches, pomegranates, strawberries, tangerines.