



A Rosh Kollel in Bnei Brak was preparing to publish a sefer, and he scheduled an urgent meeting in Yerushalayim related to the publication. The man he was meeting firmly told him that he could meet no later than 7:00 P.M. The Rosh Kollel usually finished his studies at 5:30 P.M and would return to Bnei Brak by 6:00. From Bnei Brak, he could catch the bus to Yerushalayim, which was approximately an hour's trip to the central bus station. He considered leaving kollel early that day to insure his promptness at the meeting. However, as the Rosh Kollel, he was hesitant to leave early. In addition, the avreichim would miss out on the shiur he normally gave during that time. He decided to remain in kollel until the end of seder, and trust in Hashem that He would help him arrive at his urgent meeting on time.

The Rosh Kollel proceeded as planned, but the yetzer hara was hard at work, trying to make him regret his good intentions. First, the ride to Bnei Brak from Gush Dan was delayed because of a traffic jam. When he arrived at the bus stop in Bnei Brak, he was dismayed to see that the bus to Yerushalayim had just left the bus stop. He had missed it, and the next bus was not until 6:20, which would not bring him to Yerushalayim in time for his meeting. In fact, he would have to take a second bus to the meeting's location once he arrived at the central bus station in Yerushalayim.

As the Rosh Kollel stood at the bus stop, contemplating his dilemma, an expensive looking official car pulled up to the bus stop. The driver opened his window and said to the Rav, "If you would like to join me on the trip to Yerushalayim, you're invited." The Rav, who clearly saw the *Yad of Hashem* in this incident, entered the car. Once inside, he realized that the car belonged to the American Foreign Minister, James Baker, who was currently visiting Israel. The man who sat behind the steering wheel was one of the top aides of the minister, who coincidentally was also a Jew. When he saw a talmid chacham standing at the bus stop, he decided to offer him a ride. The car, which had a blue revolving light usually reserved for police cars, was able to drive to Yerushalayim at a speedy pace. In addition, the Jewish driver brought the Rosh Kollel directly to the location of the meeting. The time was 6:58 P.M.

**Hints & Answers\*** **SHMIRAS SHABBOS:** *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (10:7) teaches: "It is permitted to put melted ice cream in the freezer on Shabbos if one's intention is to eat that ice cream on that Shabbos." **RIDDLES:** 1. ...an animal (sheep, goat, calf) can be offered as a korban (Vayikra 22:27). 2. *Lechem HaPanim*. The bread symbolizes the physical world. 12 breads correspond to the 12 months of the lunar year (i.e. the 12 *mazalos*). The total volume of flour was 24 *esronim*, which corresponds to the 24 hours in a day. Each *ma'aracha* of the *Shulchan* had 6 breads, which correspond to the 6 days of creation. And the lesson is that the entire physical world is sustained through the merit of Bnei Yisroel who serve Hashem, Who created it all. [*peirush* Ba'al HaTurim] **SHMITTAH:** B. [based on "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*.



## Shmiras Shabbos

### Returning Melted Ice Cream to the Freezer



"I'll have ice cream when I'll come back from the Shalom Zachor," said Abba. Imma was shocked that Abba skipped on dessert (something that never happens at the Friday night *seuda*).

When Abba came back home, the house was quiet, everyone was already sleeping. You can only guess where he headed to after taking off his hat and jacket...

After opening the cover of the ice cream he was a bit disappointed that three quarters of the ice cream was already gone. "I wonder what we'll have for desert tomorrow," he asked himself.

After enjoying two scoops of ice cream, sleep started to overtake him and he dragged himself to bed. But there was something that he forgot to do...He forgot to put the ice cream back in the freezer!

At 3:00 o'clock in the morning, Imma woke up and went to the kitchen to get a cup of water. She forgot all about her thirst when she saw the ice cream container standing on the dining room table! And of course, when she opened the cover of the ice cream, she found all of the ice cream melted.

Question: Can Imma put the melted ice cream back in the freezer?

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## Parsha Pearl

This week's parsha teaches us the mitzva of Kiddush Hashem, as the verse says **"...And I shall be sanctified among Bnei Yisroel..."** (*Vayikra* 22:32)

The Rosh in his commentaries on Brachos (ch. 7, *siman* 20) writes: *Our sages have taught in a Braisa (Berachos 47b): "Once, Rabbi Eliezer entered a shul and did not find a minyan there (i.e., there were only 9 men). R. Eliezer then freed his slave and he completed the minyan." But how could he have done that?! Rav Yehuda has taught that someone who frees his slave transgresses a commandment, as it says, "You should enslave them forever"! The answer is that a communal mitzva is different! [Meaning to say] that a communal mitzva is significant, as it says, "And I shall be sanctified among Bnei Yisroel." (Vayikra 22:32) - the positive mitzva of Kiddush Hashem, and even if there is only a rabbinic ordinance such as listening to Kedusha and Borchu.*

The Mishna Berura (125:4) also writes: *One needs to have intent especially during Kedusha to sanctify Hashem's name. And in that merit, Hashem will rest upon him a spirit of holiness from Above. And he should have in mind to fulfill the verse, "And I shall be sanctified among Bnei Yisroel." The Arizal was very careful about this.*



## Discuss at Your Shabbos Table

Our parsha describes the mitzva of *Lechem HaPanim*. When the Beis HaMikdash was standing, the blessing of *parnassa* flowed to the world through a channel of *kedusha*. Namely, the *Shulchan* with *Lechem HaPanim* on it (see Sefas Emes on Torah, Emor 5652)

*Ask around your Shabbos table:* Since we don't have the *Shulchan* of the Beis HaMikdash today, what can provide a channel of *kedusha* for the blessing of *parnassa* nowadays?

*A Possible Answer:* Your dining room table! When words of Torah are spoken at any meal (Shabbos or weekday), the table at which the meal is eaten receives to some degree a status of the *Shulchan*! This is based on the Mishna in Pirkei Avos (3:3) and the verse that the mishna quotes from the prophet Yechezkel (see Sefas Emes *ibid.*)



## Riddles



1. On the 8th day of his life, a baby boy gets a *bris mila*. In this week's parsha, on the 8th day of its life, ..... (*Can you finish the sentence?*)
2. There are 24 hours in the day, 6 days in a week, and 12 months in a year. Which mitzva in parshas Emor has all these numbers? [And yes, that mitzva has these numbers because there are 24 hours in a day, 6 days in a week, and 12 months in a year!]

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT...



You probably knew that from the words קדוש יהיה לך of this week's parsha (Emor) we learn that we need to act with honor towards Kohanim. But did you know that if let's say there are 21 men in the shul, and 20 of them are Kohanim, and one is Yisroel, the Yisroel is the one who receives the 1st Aliya!? [See Shulchan Aruch OC 135:12, with the commentaries of the Mishna Berura there]



## Shmittah Shaila



**When peeling an apple that has *kedushas sheviis*, one should be careful not to peel it:**

- (A) thinner than one would normally
- (B) thicker than one would normally