



A Jew of substantial means was looking for a home in Bnei Brak with more room than his current location. When he heard about a particular apartment in a desirable area he quickly went to visit its owner.

When the seller stated his asking price of \$200,000 the prospective buyer, who expected it to be closer to \$300,000, was surprised. Rather than jump at this opportunity to get a real bargain he asked the seller why he was selling at such a low price. The answer was that he had \$200,000 worth of pressing debts and had been advised by his local rabbi to sell his home at a price that would quickly draw a buyer so that he could settle his debts.

The buyer excused himself and went to the above-mentioned rabbi to verify the story he had just heard. He then returned to the seller and plunked down \$200,000 in cash. He informed the seller that he refused to allow him to lose so much money because of his desperate situation and was therefore lending him the money to pay his debts and to enable him to sell his apartment at its full value.

By thus passing up the opportunity to gain a financial bargain he succeeded in gaining a bargain of a mitzvah of helping a fellow Jew.

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Hints & Answers* **SHABBOS SHAILA:** The *Rama* (O.C. 262) writes: "One should get dressed in Shabbos clothes right after taking a bath on *erev* Shabbos. Doing that is an honor to Shabbos." **RHYME:** "heart" **RIDDLE:** 1. A rainbow. 2. Naama. 3. Shem. (Rashi comments that because Shem covered his father Noach with a garment, his descendants merited the mitzva tzitzis.) 4. Midrash tells that the pole which Haman was hung on came from the beam of Noach's ark.

*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, further study, and questions to a *posek*, etc.



Shabbos Shaila

When to put on Shabbos Clothes on Erev Shabbos



Akiva came home from yeshiva on a Friday afternoon, excited to get ready for Shabbos. He decided to take a shower right away, so that he would not rush into Shabbos.

Before going into the shower room, he asked his older brother Chaim: "Do you know where my Shabbos suit is?"

"I do," replied Chaim, "But why do you need it now?!"

"I want to put it on right after the shower," answered Akiva.

"But Shabbos, is only in four hours! You might get your suit dirty before Shabbos comes! Put your Shabbos suit about an hour or so before Shabbos." said Chaim.

Question: Should Akiva take Chaim's advice?

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DEDICATIONS

- ◆ In honor of Yehonatan Itiel's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbos
- ◆ Dedicated anonymously for yeshuos and refuos to all Klal Yisroel

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Parsha Pearls

Citing the holy writings of the *Gedolim* of previous generations, the *Sefas Emes* (Noach, 5635, ד"ה איתא) writes: “Noach’s ark (תיבה) is every word (תיבה) of Torah and tefilla.”

That means that every word of Torah and tefilla has the power to bring a salvation of a magnitude that Noach’s ark brought.

If you’ll keep that in mind when you daven and learn, you will treasure every word of your tefilla and Torah.



Rhymes for Kids



Doing *chesed* is a work of art,
It creates in me a kind _____.

The Torah reveals to us why the Generation of the Flood was destroyed: כִּי־מְלֹאָה הָאָרֶץ הַמָּס מִפְּנֵיהֶם for the earth has become full of robbery because of them. The world became a place where people did not care for the well being of others! In the eyes of the Creator of the World, such a world lacks its purpose and essence. Therefore, the “father” of the new generation (i.e., Noach) needed to begin building the new world on the basis of חסד (kindness). Hence, Noach was given a critical task: for the entire year, day in and day out, he was to be constantly involved in doing חסד - namely, feeding the animals. Therefore, חסד is the foundation of the world that we live in!



Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

Which merit saved Noach from the flood? Rav Chaim Shmulevitz זט”ל points out even the fact that the Jewish nation would emerge from Noach was not enough to save him. Rather, says Rav Chaim, the only thing that was powerful enough to save Noach was חן, as the verse says:

‘וַנָּח מָצָא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי ה’ - *But Noach found favor in the eyes of Hashem.*

Ask around your Shabbos table: What can a person do to gain חן in Hashem’s eyes.

An Answer: Rav Chaim Shmulevitz writes (Sichos Musar) that one of the secrets of gaining חן in Hashem’s eyes is to be humble, as Shlomo HaMelech wrote in Mishlei (3:34):

אִם־לִלְצִים הוֹאֵלֶיךָ וְלַעֲנִיִּים וְלַעֲנִוִּים יִסְתַּחֵן - *If [one goes] to the scoffers, he will scoff; but [if he goes] to the humble, he evokes grace.*



Trivia & Riddles



1. What in parshas Noach you make a bracha on when you see it?
2. What was the name of Noach’s wife?
3. Who in parshas Noach should we thank for tzitzis?
4. Where do we see Noach’s ark in the story of Purim?

? DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

You probably know that on erev Shabbos one should put on special clothes in honor of Shabbos. **But did you know** what you should do right after putting on Shabbos clothes? The *Shulchan Aruch* (O.C. 262:3) writes: “And [on erev Shabbos] one should put on nice clothes, and [then] rejoice from the fact that Shabbos is arriving.”