



Hundreds of guests in a hall in Herzliya anxiously waited for the bris mila to begin. Imagine their shock when the mohel emerged from his final pre-circumcision examination and announced that the baby was slightly jaundiced and the bris had to be postponed because it presented a danger to life.

What would now happen with the hundreds of portions prepared for this seudas mitzvah?

To the good fortune of all concerned the rabbi of the city, Rabbi Yacobowitz, was present. He invited everyone to sit down and partake of the meal that he ruled was a seudas mitzvah despite the fact that the bris mila did not take place.

His reasoning was that the postponement of the bris mila was a demonstration of our commitment to the halachic ruling that consideration of danger to life is placed above performance of this mitzvah. This alone was something to be celebrated with a seudas mitzvah.

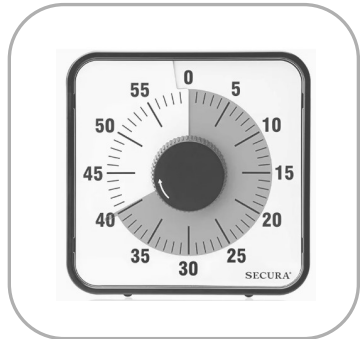
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Hints & Answers* HALACHA CHALLENGE: The Rama in *siman* 263 (§10) writes: “And the custom is that the woman who lights the Shabbos candles accepts Shabbos (right away)...But other members of the household are permitted to do melacha until [the congregation says] “Borchu” [in Maariv prayer that was started before sunset]. **RHYME:** “light” **RIDDLE:** The stones of the altar's ramp. Rashi [on Shemos 20:23] comments: “...if [concerning] these stones, which have no intelligence to object to their humiliation, the Torah said that because they are necessary you shall not behave toward them in a disgraceful manner, [then] your friend, who is [created] in the likeness of your Creator and who does object to being disgraced, how much more [must you be careful not to treat him in a disrespectful way]!” | *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.

Halacha Challenge



When Does Shabbos Start for Kids?



Nechama and Sarah watched their Imma light the Shabbos candles. After Imma’s *tefilla* for her children, she remembered that she forgot to plug in the electric plata.

“Oh no! How are we going to have hot food on Shabbos?!” she asked.

“Imma, Sarah and I can plug it in,” said Nechama.

“Yes, Imma, there is still plenty of time before *sh’kiya*,” said Sarah.

“But since I already lit candles, it could be that it’s already Shabbos for all the kids,” said Imma.

“Imma, but Shmuli went with Abba to shul to *daven* Mincha just now. That means that it’s not Shabbos for him,” said Nechama.

“I guess, you are right. Abba and the boys don’t accept Shabbos with my candle lighting,” said Imma, “But it could very well be, that for girls, Shabbos starts when I light!”

Question: Can the girls plug in the plata?

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Parsha Pearls

זְכוֹר אֶת־יּוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ

Remember the day of Shabbos to sanctify it. (Shemos 20:8).

Because the verb זְכוֹר in this verse is in a present-continual tense, Rashi comments that the message of the Torah here is: “Pay attention to always remember the day of Shabbos” - i.e., we should continually remember Shabbos - even on weekdays.

In his explanation of the verse וְשָׁמְרוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַשַּׁבָּת the Ohr HaChaim HaKadosh writes: ותמיד יהיה ממתין ומצפה מתי - [With the word וְשָׁמְרוּ the Torah is teaching us here that] one should always wait and look forward to the arrival of Shabbos.

The *Maor Einayim* is quoted saying that according to the person’s anticipation of Shabbos during the week will be his ability to feel the *kedusha* of Shabbos on Shabbos Kodesh (quoted by *Piskei Teshuvos*, O.C. 250).

Hence, if throughout the week, you take a bit of time each day from your busy schedule just to sit back and think how incredible the sweet light of Shabbos will be, then your home will merit to receive it in the upcoming Shabbos.



Rhymes for Kids



...על־כן בָּרַךְ ה' אֶת־יּוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת וַיְקַדְּשֶׁהוּ [שמות כ:יא]

What's for my soul a true delight?

When Shabbos comes and shines its _____.

Hakadosh Boruch Hu said to Moshe, “I have a good present in My treasure houses. And its name is Shabbos. And I want to give it to Klal Yisroel.” [Gemorah Shabbos 10b]



Parsha Riddles



Which stones in this week’s parsha taught you to be concerned for your fellow Jew’s dignity?

? DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

You probably know that this week’s parsha tells us the names of Moshe’s sons: Gershon and Eliezer. But did you know that from the verses that mention their names, we learn a lesson in *chinuch* from Moshe?

שֵׁם הָאֶחָד גֶּרְשֹׁם...וְשֵׁם הָאֶחָד אֱלִיעֶזֶר - “Name of the one [child] is Gershom...And name of the one [child] is Eliezer” (Shemos 18:3-4). Notice that each son is referred to as “הָאֶחָד” (the one child). Rav Yosef Tzvi HaLevi Dunner *zt”l* in his sefer *Mikdash HaLevi* (Yisro, p. 257) answers that the Torah is teaching us here a fundamental lesson in *chinuch*: A parent must look at each one of his children as his only child.