## **Just a Story** Love and Care Inspires Teshuva

A yeshivah bochur in Bnei Brak was guilty of doing improper things in the yeshiva. His Roshei Yeshivah wanted to expel him, but before taking this drastic step, they decided to consult with Rav Shach, the Gadol Hador and Rosh Yeshivah of Ponevezh. Rav Shach requested to meet the bochur before he offered his opinion. Rav Shach met with the bochur and realized that the bochur was having doubts in emunah. Rav Shach spoke with him at length, and tried to strengthen his emunah. This meeting took place at the end of the winter z'man. Rav Shach asked the bochur, who lived in Tel Aviv, to meet with him again over the Pesach break.

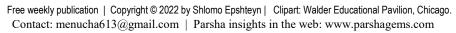
After Pesach, the boy's Rebbi asked Rav Shach if the boy had actually made the effort to travel to Bnei Brak to see him. Rav Shach said that they boy did not have to come to him because he himself traveled to Tel Aviv twice to see him over the Pesach break.

At the beginning of the new z'man, the bochur returned to the yeshivah and reported to his Rebbi that his emunah was now strong and steadfast. He said, "If Klal Yisrael includes a person who is so caring that he traveled twice to Tel Aviv to see me, I have no more questions in emunah."

Hints & Answers\* HALACHA CHALLENGE: Sefer Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa (20:79) teaches: Whenever possible, one should not have muktza items on the shelves of the refrigerator's door on Shabbos. However, at a time of need, one may have muktza items there, and open and close the door. RHYME: "week" RIDDLE: The Ba'al HaTurim reveals the following insight: Sofei teivos (the last letters) of שׁמים אביים השביים spell out "שׁמים" (two), indicating that a person has two souls on Shabbos (i.e., neshama and neshama yiseira). | \*Note: Menucha's answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.

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## Halacha Challenge



## Muktza in the Door of a Refrigerator



On *erev* Shabbos, Chaim opened the refrigerator to get a small snack from the leftovers of his Mishloach Manos, that he was hiding on a shelf of the refrigerator door under the a bag of (raw) rice.

After he a took a snack and put back the

bag of rice, he started wondering if keeping the bag of rice in the refrigerator door is a smart idea. "When we'll be opening the door of the refrigerator on Shabbos, we'll be moving this bag of rice, which is muktza!" he thought to himself.

"But if I move away the bag of rice now, how am I going to hide my little treasure?" he wondered.

**Question**: Should Chaim move the bag of rice from the refrigerator's shelf to one of the main shelves of the refrigerator before Shabbos?

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## Parsha Pearls

וְאַתָּה דַּבֶּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר אַךְ אֶת־שַׁבְּתֹתַי תִּשְׁמֹרוּ כִּי **אוֹת הָוא בֵּינִי** וּ**בֵינֵיכֶם** לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם לָדַעַת כִּי אֲנִי ה' מְקַדְּשְׁכֶם: [שמות לא:יג].

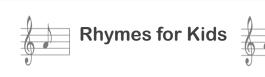
And you (Moshe) should speak to the children of Israel saying, But my Shabbos days you should guard, because it is a sign between Myself and between you for all generations, to know that I am Hashem who sanctifies you.

The Torah teaches us that Shabbos is a sign (אות) between us and HaKadosh Boruch Hu. But what is it a sign of? The Ohr HaChaim HaKadosh in his commentary on this verse writes:

כי אות היא, פירוש: כל המנוחה והעונג הנרגש לישראל ביום השבת אינו אלא אות היא ביני וגו' פירוש: סימן לטובה הגנוזה

"The oneg and menucha that one feels on Shabbos is a sign that Hashem has eternal oneg and menucha waiting for him in the future."

Thus, at the moments when we experience the Shabbos delight, we should hear through this delight a message from our loving Father in Heaven: "This Shabbos delight is My way of letting you know that I have eternal *oneg* and *menucha* waiting for you in the future."



וְשָׁמְרוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הֵשֵׁבָּת...[שמות לא:טז]

About you, every day I think and speak, Shabbos, Shabbos - I wait for you all \_\_\_\_!

Commenting on verse שָּׁבָּת־הַשָּׁבָּת אָת־הַשָּׁבָּת, the Ohr HaChaim writes: עומיד יהיה ממתין ומצפה מתי יבא - [With the word ושָׁמְרוּ וְשָׁמְרוּ this verse is teaching us that] one should always wait and look forward to the arrival of Shabbos.





On Shabbos, Hashem gives us a *neshama yiseira (lit., an extra soul)*. In this week's parsha, the Torah says:

**Purim Riddles** 

וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שְׁבַת וַיִּגְפַשׁ

The root of the word more is "a soul."

Can you find a hint in this verse that on Shabbos we have two souls?



You probably know that *ketores* that is mentioned in this week's parsha may not have honey added to it. But did you know that the reason for that is because when honey is heated, it jumps up? Elevating itself higher than other spices would be symbolic of haughtiness in Avodas Hashem which is not acceptable. [based on *peirush Me'am Loez*]