



Late one night, Rav Chaim of Volozhin was giving over a shiur to his talmidim on the subject of bitachon. "Does anyone know what time it is?" asked Rav Chaim. None of the talmidim answered since none of them owned a watch, so Rav Chaim continued his shiur. Suddenly, Rav Chaim interrupted his shiur and said, "You should know that I feel as if we have not yet acquired true bitachon in our hearts. If we had the proper bitachon, Shamayim would have sent us a watch, even a gold watch."

Just then, a knock was heard on the door, and a Russian soldier entered the room. The soldier looked hesitantly around the room, and then turned to Rav Chaim and said, "Rebbi, I'm a Jew, a lone Jew among many non-Jewish soldiers. I'm afraid that the soldiers will steal my valuable watch which I received as a present from my father." The soldier approached Rav Chaim, and handed him the watch. "I prefer to give my watch as a present to a Jewish Rav, rather than have it stolen by a non-Jew."

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (13:28) teaches that an electricity timer that was set before Shabbos to turn off at a specific time, it is permitted to change the setting of the timer on Shabbos to allow the timer to turn off the electricity at a later time. However, it's not permitted to change the setting of such timer to allow it to turn off at an earlier time. The permission to change timer setting on Shabbos is true only for an electricity timer that does not turn on or off at the moment when changes are made to it. **RHYMES:** "pure" **PARSHA QUIZ:** "You shall know in your heart, that just as a man chastises his son, so does Hashem, your G-d, chastise you." (Devorim 8:5) **RIDDLE:** Humility. The *Ba'al HaTurim* writes: "[The 2nd word of the parsha is] עקב "heel" [is hinting to the middah of] humility. The Torah is saying: "Learn from the heel. It follows the foot, in a way of humility. Therefore, it does not get stubbed like the toes of the foot do". | *Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



Halacha Challenge

Changing the A/C Timer



"Abba, when is the air conditioner turning off tonight," asked Miriam at the Friday night *seuda*.

"Before Shabbos, I set the pegs on the timer to turn off the air conditioner at 9:00 PM tonight," answered Abba.

"Oh...I wish it would go on until 10 o'clock," sighed Miriam, "Because I'll go to bed at 9:30 tonight and I like falling asleep when it is cool in the house."

Miriam's brother Aaron turned to Abba and asked, "Maybe it's okay to push now the pegs that are between 9 and 10 o'clock, to let the air conditioner keep on working until 10, because when we'll push the pegs we won't be turning anything on or off."

"Hmm...I hear your point, Aaron," replied Abba, "But I am not sure..."

Question: Can Abba push the pegs of the timer now to let the air conditioner run until 10 o'clock?

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Parsha Pearls

כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת...

The entire mitzva that I am commanding you today, you shall guard to do...
(Devorim 8:1)

Why instead of saying כָּל־הַמִּצְוּוֹת, the Torah in this verse says כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה?

Based on the Zohar, the *Nesivos Shalom* explains that the Torah is teaching us here that every mitzva needs “כל” - i.e., it needs to be fulfilled בשלמות (in a complete way). And the *Nesivos Shalom* explains that just as during the creation of a man, he was not complete until he had both the body and the soul, so too, a mitzva is not complete until it has both the body and the soul. Namely, each mitzva needs to have the גוף (the body) - the action itself, and the נשמה (the soul) - the love and awe in the person’s heart who performs that mitzva.



Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ וּבֵרַכְתָּ... (דברים פרק ח פסוק י)

Ask Around Your Table: Does food that we eat give energy only to our bodies or also to our *neshamos*?

Answer: A verse in our parsha says: “...in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live, rather by everything that emanates from the mouth of Hashem does man live.” [Devorim 8:3] Citing the explanation of this verse by the Ariza”l, the Sefas Emes (Eikev 5649) writes that the food has inside of it not only the energy for physical nourishment of the body, it also contains spiritual energy for the nourishment of the soul. But it’s not always accessible, explains the Sefas Emes. One unlocks the spiritual energy contained in the food with the blessings that he says on the food and with the Torah that he learns and teaches at the table where he is eating. Hence, make those blessings and Torah extra powerful, and get the most benefit from your food.



Rhymes for Kids



וְלֹא־תָבִיא תוֹעֵבָה אֶל־בֵּיתְךָ וְהָיִיתָ חָרֵם כְּמֹהוּ שָׁקֵץ תִּשְׁקָצֶנּוּ וְתַעֲבֹב תִּתְעַבְּנוּ כִּי־חָרֵם הוּא.

Nor should you bring an abomination into your house, lest you are to become closed off like it. Rather you shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is to be destroyed. -- Parshas Eikev, Devorim 7:26

In general, as a holy, pure nation we need to keep away improper things far away from us as much as possible. Now, as the Torah reveals to us in this verse, the one place that you need to be extra vigilant to keep pure is your home.

My home:

Hashem protects it and keeps it secure,
And I make sure to keep it ____.



Parsha Quiz-Wiz



Where in the parsha does the Torah compare the relationship between Hashem and a Jew to that of a father and a son?



Riddles



“Akiva - you almost never get hurt. What's your secret?” asked his friend Chanan. “The 2nd word of this week’s parsha!” replied Akiva. What is Akiva’s secret?