



11th day of Cheshvan is the Yartzzeit of Rachel Immeinu.

In 1995, two Knesset Members, Hanan Porat and Menachem Porush met with Yitzchak Rabin concerning plans for turning over the Rachel Immeinu Tomb area to the Palestinians.

During the meeting, Hanan Porat was stressing the security and nationalistic ramifications of this move. But Menachem Porush simply stood up, approached Yitzchak Rabin, embraced him and burst into tears, sobbing and shouting: "It is Mama Ruchel! How can you give away her grave?!"

Yitzchak Rabin was sufficiently moved to reexamine the issue and to decide to retain Israeli control over this sacred site.

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** In general, attaching two parts of a *kli* together (e.g., a portable bed where parts of it snap into each other) is not permitted on Shabbos [unless the connection is very loose.] (See the *Shulchan Aruch* O.C. 313:6). The question is whether or not we can compare connecting parts of the Matrioshka doll to closing and opening a vessel with a cover (even tightly), regarding which the Mishna Berura (313:45) writes: "*And a cover of a vessel—even if it is made in such way (to connect tightly to the vessel by the spiral)—it is permitted [to connect and disconnect it on Shabbos] because the covers are not attached to the vessels [with the intention] to stay there, but rather to open and close them all the time.*" **RHYMES:** "above" **RIDDLE:** As explained by Rashi, in the verse Bereishis 12:8, the word אהלה (written instead of אהל) shows that when Avraham Avinu encamped at the mountain to the east of Beis El, he pitched his wife's tent before he pitched his own tent. The Rambam in Laws of Marriage (15:19) rules that a husband is obligated to honor his wife more than himself. | *Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in *halacha*.

Halacha Challenge



Playing with a Matrioshka Doll on Shabbos



On a Shabbos afternoon, Rina's little sister Naomi, asked Rina to play with her. "Sure, I'd love to," replied Rina, "What would you like to play?" Naomi pointed to the matrioshka doll that was standing on a book shelf.

Rina looked at it and went over to the bookcase. But when she stretched out her

hand, she paused.

"Why aren't you taking it?" asked Naomi.

"I am just wondering if we are allowed to play with a matrioshka doll on Shabbos," replied Rina.

"Why not?!" asked Naomi.

"Well, because maybe we cannot assemble and take apart things on Shabbos," replied Rina.

Question: Can Rina and Naomi play with the matrioshka doll now?

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Dedicated anonymously for yeshuos and refuos to all Klal Yisroel

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Parsha Pearls

When is the first time in Rashi’s commentary on the Torah do we see a description of a Torah abiding Jew? In this week’s parsha. Based on the Midrash, Rashi writes:

“אֲשֶׁר־עָשׂוּ בְּתָרְךָ” - שהכניסן תחת כנפי השכינה, אברהם מגייר את האנשים, ושרה מגיירת הנשים, (פירוש רש"י בראשית יב:ה)

“and the souls they had acquired in Haran” - whom he had brought under the wings of the Shechinah. Abraham would convert the men, and Sarah would convert the women (Rashi’s commentary to Bereishis 12:5)

Rashi describes the converts that Avraham and Sarah converted in Charan as “those whom they brought under the wings of the Shechina (Divine Presence).

What message is Rashi/Midrash trying to convey to us by describing the converts in such a way?

The message is that a Torah abiding Jew is someone who is under the wings of the *Shechina*.

Remember this when you wake up each morning. As you open your eye and say Mode Ani, think to yourself for a moment, “I am a Jew and I keep the Torah! That means that I am always under the wings of the *Shechina*!”



Rhymes for Kids



אֵל הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאָךְ

This land is my home, this land is my love.
A gift from our Father in Heavens _____.

“In order to make the Land dear in Avraham’s eyes, Hashem did not reveal the Land to Avraham immediately.” (Peirush Rashi to Bereishis 12:1). We inherited the intrinsic love for Eretz Yisroel from Avraham Avinu.



Riddle



The letter Hey (ה) came instead of Vav (ו), to teach you about his care and love. In parshas Lech Lecha it happened so. Now, a great lesson all husbands know!
Which word in parshas Lech Lecha is this riddle referring to?