



25th of Tishrei is the *yahrzeit* of Rav Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev (1740-1810). On the day of his birth, the Baal Shem Tov informed his followers that a “defender of the Jewish people” has been born. Rav Levi was a close disciple of the Maggid of Mezritch. Following posts at Zelichov and Pinsk, he spent the last 25 years of his life in Berdichev. His teachings are contained in the posthumously published Kedushas Levi.

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak is remembered for his compassion and love for every Jew. He once said, “If after I pass away I have the option of being alone in paradise, or to go to purgatory but there to be in the company of other Jews, I would certainly choose the latter. As long as I’m together with other Jews!” He was also judging others always in a positive light. Once, when R. Levi Yitzchak spotted a Jew greasing the wheels of his buggy while wearing *tallit* and *tefillin*, in middle of prayer, R. Levi turned to Hashem and cried out, “Master of the Universe, look at how holy Your nation is. They even grease the wheels of their buggies with *tallit* and *tefillin* on . . .”

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (16:24) teaches that it is not permitted to attach magnetic letters to the door of a refrigerator on Shabbos. **RHYMES:** “me” **FIND:** 1. 4:26, 2. 4:9 **TRIVIA:** She engaged in the conversation with the *nachash*. [We should learn from this not to engage in a conversation with the evil inclination when it “gently” begins a conversation] | *Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in *halacha*.



Halacha Challenge



Attaching Magnetic Letters to a Refrigerator



Shmuli and Zevi, the 6-year old twins of the Cohen family were looking for something to play with on a Shabbos afternoon. They looked in the toy box and Shmuli’s eyes landed on magnetic letters.

“Let’s make words with these letters on our refrigerator!” proposed Shmuli.

Zevi thought for a moment and said, “Well, it’s not similar to scrabble—which we cannot play on Shabbos—because in scrabble a score is usually written down, while here it is not. But here however, there is another potential problem: attaching magnets to a refrigerator!”

Question: Can they play Shmuli’s proposed game?

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Dedicated anonymously for yeshuos and refuos to all Klal Yisroel





Parsha Pearls

... לא טוב היות האדם לבדו אֶעֱשֶׂה לוֹ עֶזְרָא כְּנֶגְדּוֹ

“...It is not good for a man to be alone. I will make for him a helper, opposite of him.” (Bereishis 33:2)

The obvious question on this verse is: What “help” did Adam need? Doesn’t our *mesorah* tell us that in Gan Eden everything was provided for him? Even the food and drink was prepared for Adam by angels. So why did Adam need עֶזְרָא כְּנֶגְדּוֹ ?

HaRav Chaim Shmulevitz zt”l is quoted answering this question. He explains that Adam needed “help” due to the fact that Adam was created בצלם אלקים. In other words, he possessed Hashem’s attributes, and one of such attributes is doing acts of kindness for another. He therefore needed a wife to whom he can do acts of kindness.



Ask at Your Shabbos Table

In parshas Bereishis, the Torah tells us that Hashem addressed the *malachim* and said to them, “Let us make a man...” Rashi explains that even though Adam was created only by Hashem, Hashem was humble and consulted with *malachim* regarding creating a man.

Ask around your Shabbos table: Since someone who is reading that verse can make a mistake and think that Hashem had partners in creating a man, why didn’t the Torah hide this conversation that took place between Hashem and *malachim*?

Menucha’s Answer: Because of its great importance, the Torah wanted to teach a lesson in humility even at the expense of this possible error (see Rashi’s commentary).



Rhymes for Kids



...וַיְבָרֵךְ אֱלֹקִים אֶת-יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ אֹתוֹ...

Shabbos is the best!

Shabbos is for rest!

Menucha is the key

For you and ___!



FIND



Find these words in the parsha:

1. אז
2. אי



Trivia



What was Chava’s 1st mistake?



DID YOU KNOW THAT



You probably know the famous Rashi on the 1st verse of the Torah, where he tells us that ראשית in the 1st word of the Torah is referring to Torah (telling us that Hashem made the world for Torah study and fulfillment). But did you know that the first letter of the 1st word of the Torah (ב) is teaching us that there are two Torahs? Namely, the written Torah and the Oral Torah (*Ba’al HaTurim*)