



There was a bright Yeshiva student in Lakewood who got married. At the end of one of the Sheva Brochos seudos, the Zeida of the choson got up and gave a speech that went something in the following lines: "I would like to tell you about an incident that happened in Europe. There was a young boy who was attending a cheder. He did not have good behavior. One time he misbehaved and the principal decided to kick the boy out of the cheder. The boy went to the Rav of the town and told him, "I want to have a din Torah to argue my case." At the Beis Din, the Dayan turned to the boy and asked, "What is your claim?" The boy responded, "There is only one cheder where we live. If I get thrown out of it, what will become of me? What will be with my children and grandchildren?! True, maybe I deserve to be thrown out of the cheder, but, can you say that you have "looked this way and that way" (like Moshe Rabbeinu did before he killed the Egyptian) and saw that in the future no good person will descend from me? By kicking me out of the cheder, the principal is sentencing my descendants to a bad path. That is not right!" The principal, who was present in the room, was very moved by the words of that boy and accepted the boy back into school."

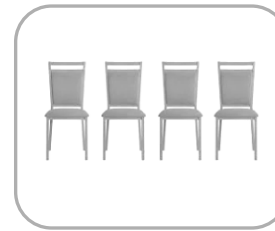
Then, the Zeida looked up at everyone and said, "I am that boy! Now, look at my grandson, the choson, who is a tzaddik and Ben Torah. See what happens! You never know who might come out from someone."

**Hints & Answers\*** **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** The *Shulchan Aruch* (O.C. 262:1) writes: שלחנו ויציע המטות ויתקן כל ענייני הבית כדי שימצאנו ערוך ומסודר בבואו יסדר שלחנו ויציע המטות ויתקן כל ענייני הבית כדי שימצאנו ערוך ומסודר בבואו מכה"כ" (Paraphrased translation: One should set the dining room, prepare the chairs and clean up the house, so that he will find it arranged and orderly when he returns from the shul.) **RHYMES:** "joy" **RIDDLE:** 1. The 2nd day that Moshe went out to see the burdens of Klal Yisroel (Shemos 2:13); 2. שמות = Shnayim Mikra Vechad Targum; 3. hand (Shemos 4:6) and water (Shemos 4:9); 4. The light that filled the room after Moshe was born (Rashi to Shemos 2:2) and Eretz Yisroel (Shemos 3:8). 5. Basya saved Moshe when he was a baby (Shemos 2:6) and Tzipora saved Moshe's life during the incident by the inn (Shemos 4:25); 6. In the verse Shemos 4:2, the 2 words מָה זָה are written in the sefer Torah as one word: מַהֶּ. See Rashi's explanation for this. | \*Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



## Halacha Challenge

### Setting Up the Chairs



On *Ieil* Shabbos, Imma asked Chaya to help finish setting up the Shabbos table. Chaya was very helpful. She set the silverware, the napkins and cups. After that she sat on the couch and started reading a book.

As soon as she opened the book, her sister Leah came in the room.

"Didn't Imma ask you to help finish setting up the table?!" asked Leah.

"She did. And I did," replied Chaya.

Leah looked at the table, then turned back to Chaya, and asked with humor, "So are we going to be sitting on the floor?!"

"Oh the chairs? When we'll be ready to start the *seuda*, everyone will pull up his own chair," explained Chaya, and added: "L'kavod Shabbos, it's only necessary to set the table before Abba comes home. But not the chairs."

"I think the chairs should be set now," said Leah.

**Question:** Who is right - Leah or Chaya?

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Dedicated anonymously for yeshuos and refuos to all Klal Yisroel  
לעילוי נשמת שיינדל בת משה צבי ע"ה





## Parsha Pearls

יְהִי בַיָּמִים הָהֵם וַיִּגְדַּל מֹשֶׁה וַיֵּצֵא אֶל-אָחִיו וַיֵּרָא בְּסִבְלָתָם ...

*Now it came to pass in those days that Moshe grew up and went out to his brothers and looked at their burdens....(Shemos 2:11)*

Commenting on the words “and [Moshe] looked at their burdens”, Rashi writes: “He directed his eyes and his heart to be distressed over them.”

First of all, notice that Rashi does not say that Moshe was distressed over them, but rather, “He *directed* his eyes and his heart to be distressed over them.” In other words, Moshe steered his heart in the proper direction, to be distressed over his brothers. The Torah is teaching us that a person can be in charge of his heart.

Also it’s interesting to notice that in the same verse, the Torah says, “Moshe grew up.” This perhaps is hinting to us that a Jew reaches maturity when his focus is on the welfare of other people. So next time, you catch yourself being self-centered, whisper to yourself, “Grow up!”



## Rhymes for Kids



וְרָאָה וְשִׂמְחָה בְּלִבּוֹ “...and he will see you and he will rejoice in his heart.” (Shemos 4:14)

Rashi comments on the above verse and explains, Hashem was saying the following to Moshe about Aaron: “*Not as you (Moshe) think, that he (Aaron) will resent your attaining a high position. [In contrary! Aaron will rejoice for you!]*” Midrash Tanchuma says on this verse: “*The heart that rejoiced over his brother’s greatness will wear the Urim vTumim*”.

When my friend gets a new toy,  
My heart fills up with lots of \_\_\_!



## Riddle



Shemos is the **2nd** sefer of the Torah.

- For starters, find the only instance of the “the **2nd**” in parshas Shemos.
- The **2nd** word of the parsha is an acronym for a mitzva that obligates in **2**! What’s that mitzva? (If you need help, *Ba’al HaTurim* will rescue you.)
- Parshas Shemos describes the miracle of changing color by **2** things. What are they?
- Parsha Shemos describes **2** of them as “good”. Do you have a *good* eye to find both of them?
- 2** women in the parshas Shemos saved the same person’s life on 2 separate occasions. *Save* the day by telling us who they are!
- And for the great, final challenge: Find a place in parshas Shemos where **2** words became one! What is it? [The hint is that question.]