



On trial for his life as an accused rebel against the Czarist regime in Russia, Rabbi David Luria, famous for his commentary on the Midrash, found himself in a peculiar situation.

The judges trying him conversed with one another in French so that the Russian defendants would not be privy to their secret discussions regarding the case before them. Unknown to them, Rabbi Luria spoke French fluently and would therefore be in a position to arrange his arguments according to the thinking of the judges. But he felt that this would not be honest and so he put his hands to his ears.

When the judges asked for an explanation of this strange act, the rabbi replied in French that he did not wish to dishonestly overhear their secret discussions. They were so impressed by this extraordinary display of honesty that they decided he was innocent.

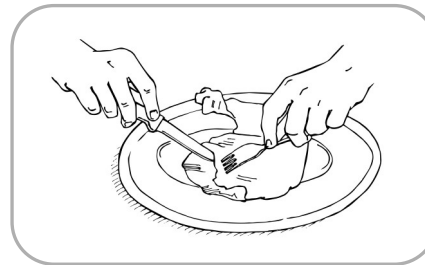
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Hints & Answers* **SHMIRAS SHABBOS:** HaRav Moshe Feinstein zt"l teaches: "The skin of a chicken that is suitable for eating is considered to be a part of the meat. [Removing this skin] is like cutting off a piece from a large piece of meat". [Source: Sefer Teshuvos of HaRav Moshe Feinstein (compiled by R. Shimon D. Eider), Borer, 8] R. Shimon Eider writes that the chicken skin may be removed with the eating utensils [Preferably, during or close to the time of the meal]. [Sefer Hilchos Shabbos by R. Shimon Eider, X F 11, p.167]] **RHYME:** "another". **RIDDLES:** Reading Megillat Esther. In NY the Megilla is read on the 14th of Adar, while in Yerushalayim it is read on the 15th of Adar. |
*Note: Menucha's answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



Shmiras Shabbos

Removing the Chicken Skin



"Which piece would you like," asked Imma at the Friday night *seuda* as she brought the serving plate of chicken pieces next to her son Menashe.

"I'd like a leg," replied Menashe.

After Imma put the chicken leg on the plate, Menashe looked at it and said, "For some reason this chicken skin does not look so appetizing. I will remove it." So he took a fork and a knife and began removing the chicken skin.

"Wait!" shouted his brother Chaim, "You are doing *Borer!*"

"Why is that *Borer?*" asked Menashe, "I am just taking off the skin."

"Exactly! Taking off the skin is like removing the bad part from the good part!" said Chaim.

Question: Is Chaim right?

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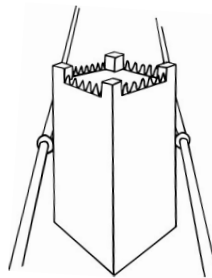
Parsha Pearls

וְנִתְּתָהּ אֶתוֹ לִפְנֵי הַפָּרֹכֶת ...

And you should place it (the golden mizbe'ach) in front of the paroches... (Shemos 30:6)

The *Shulchan* was on the north side of the Mishkan. The *Menorah* was on the south side of the Mishkan. The Golden *Mizbeach* was placed between them, in the middle of the Mishkan. The *Shulchan* with the 12 loaves of *Lechem HaPanim* represent our involvement in the physical aspects of life. The *Menorah* with the 7 candles represent our involvement in the spiritual aspects of life.

The Golden *Mizbe'ach* was the central point of the *Kodesh* area of the *Mishkan*. Upon it, a kohen would offer the incense offering, which was *ריח נחוח לשם* - “*a pleasant aroma for Hashem*”. It teaches us that when a Jew is doing anything, whether it’s part of the physical or the spiritual aspect of his life, he should find “the central point in his heart”—i.e., the point of connection between him and Hashem in this activity through which he will be doing the activity in a way that it will be “*a pleasant aroma for Hashem*”.



Rhymes for Kids



Moshe Rabbeinu did not give any donations to the Mishkan! *Me'am Loez* explains that reason for this is because Moshe Rabbeinu did something greater than contributing the materials. Namely, Moshe Rabbeinu inspired others to contribute. Our sages say: “*Gadol hame'ase yoser min ha'ose*” - *The one who is the cause of the action is greater than the one who actually performs it!*

Your mitzva is important,
But so is the one of your brother,
Great is the mitzva to inspire _____.



Riddles & Trivia



As the sun moves from east to west, Shabbos occurs first in Yerushalayim, and then in New York.

But which mitzvah is observed first in New York, and then in Yerushalayim?

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