



The home of Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzenski in Vilna was the haven of hundreds of Roshei Yeshiva and their students when the Nazi menace threatened them at the outbreak of World War Two. This Torah giant offered compassion, counsel and financial assistance to those fleeing from the terror of war.

His selfless dedication, day and night, to everyone who came to him so impressed the director of the local office of the Joint Distribution Committee that he offered to grant him any request in appreciation of his public service.

The rabbi's reply was that his poor maid's clothes were worn out and she could not afford to buy new ones. "If you really want to do something for me," he said, "see to it that some new clothes are provided for her."

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Hints & Answers* **SHMIRAS SHABBOS:** Sefer Chut Shoni—a collection of *shiurim* from HaRav Nissim Karelitz, *shlita*—teaches the following: "If a person sees on Shabbos an active electric power line that fell on the ground, and there is a concern that people might endanger themselves by coming in contact with it, the halacha appears to be as follows: Although the person who discovered the power line or other people are able to stand there the entire Shabbos and warn others not to come near the power line, it is nevertheless permitted to call upon Chevrat Hachashmal (Israel's Electric Company) so that they will fix the power line on Shabbos. This is because a person who stands there to protect others from getting hurt from the power line is not providing a complete solution that will save others from danger. Having said that, a person needs to judge each situation separately." (Chut Shoni, Shabbos, vol. 4 p.162) **RHYME:** "I". **RIDDLES:** Kiyor (the washing basin). The Torah says that it was made from copper that came from mirrors that Jewish women donated to the Mishkan. | *Note: Menucha's answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



Shmiras Shabbos

Electric Power Line on the Ground



Shimon and his friend Asher were walking home from shul on a Shabbos morning.

All of a sudden, Shimon pointed with his finger and said, "Look! Something does not look right over there." When they approached closer, they realized

that the recent storm broke a power line and, now, one end of it was on the ground. "This is very dangerous," said Asher, "No one should step on this open wire."

"I think we need to call the electric company and tell them about it, so that they will come and fix it. Although it is Shabbos, for Pikuach Nefesh we can do *melacha*." said Shimon.

Asher thought for a moment and said, "We can avoid that by standing here until the end of Shabbos and warning people not to come close to the power line."

Question: Who proposed the right solution - Shimon or Asher?

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Parsha Pearls

This week's parsha is the only parsha in the Torah that begins with the mitzva of Shabbos.

In Aseres HaDibros (the Ten Commandments) there are only three positive mitzvos. Shabbos is one of them. And in Aseres HaDibros Shabbos is adjacent to another positive mitzva - Honoring Parents.

The Arizal explains this juxtaposition in the following way. Zohar teaches that it's a mitzva to discover a new Torah insight on Shabbos (see Mishna Berura 290:3 citing the Zohar)*. In fact, when the *neslama yiseira* of a Jew goes back to its place in the Heavenly realm on *motzei* Shabbos, HaKadosh Boruch asks that soul: "What *chidush* (new Torah insight) did you say this Shabbos?" [see Sha'arei Teshuva 290:1].

The Arizal elaborates further that when a son discovers a new Torah insight on Shabbos, his father is crowned in the World of Truth. This is a great honor that a son merits to give to his father. As such, explains the Arizal, the mitzva of honoring parents is next to the mitzva of Shabbos. [Sha'arei Teshuva. *ibid.*]

*When a person discovers a new Torah insight on Shabbos, he should teach it to someone on Shabbos, or at least verbalize it to himself. [see Piskei Teshuvos 290:3 and note 17 there] Also, it's important to know that making a resolve on Shabbos for a new improvement in one's behavior is considered to be his *chidush* in Torah on that Shabbos! [see Piskei Teshuvos *ibid.*]



Rhymes for Kids



משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה

Have you ever thought about it? Based on the way the solar and lunar cycles work, it is absolutely necessary to have a leap year once in a while. And which month did Hashem arrange to double? Adar - the month of *simcha*!

Adar is doubled - do you know why?

To double the *simcha* for you and __!



Riddles & Trivia



In this week's parsha, Betzalel builds many vessels for the Mishkan.

What is the *only* vessel in parshas Vayakhel that the Torah not only mentions the material that it was made out of, but also, the source of that material?

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