



Rav Chaim Soloveitchik made a Seudas Mitzva in his house. The table was set with his finest glass and china in honor of the occasion. One of the participants got up from the table and accidentally took the tablecloth with him as he got caught on it. The tablecloth crashed to the floor with all its expensive and delicate contents falling to the ground.

Everyone was horrified and turned to look at Rav Chaim, waiting for his reaction. Rav Chaim told everyone not to worry and assured them that nothing broke. They slowly approached the wreckage and unraveled the tablecloth. Sure enough, every single piece was intact and nothing was damaged.

All eyes turned to Rav Chaim for an explanation. Rav Chaim explained that he is not a Navi or a miracle worker. He only knows the tradition that he had from Rav Chaim Volozhin. Rav Chaim Volozhin said that no harm will ever come to something bought from money earned honestly and fairly. Rav Chaim said that since all his money was earned fairly he was sure that nothing could have broken.

**Hints & Answers\*** **LAWS of PESACH:** The age of *chinuch* for the mitzva of Arba Kosos starts from 5 - 6 years old (Aruch HaShulchan, 472:15). Both boys and girls are to be included in this *chinuch* (ibid). Rabbi Shimon Eider writes: *Fathers are obligated to see that their children also drink the Arba Kosos at the proper places in Haggadah...If a child is able to understand the concept of Kedushas Yom Tov, he/she should drink the cup of Kiddush; if he/she is capable of understanding the story of Exodus, he/she should drink the second cup - upon which the Haggadah is said. The same approach applies to the other two cups as well.* (Halachos of Pesach, XX C 3) [It is also worthwhile to note that Rabbi Shimon Eider writes that for the mitzva of Four Cups it is recommended that grape juice should be used for a child.] **RHYMES:** “forget” **RIDDLES:** That ink was cooked with *chometz* ingredients on Pesach itself (e.g., Chaim’s non-Jewish neighbor presented this jar of ink to Chaim on Pesach.) Therefore, it became in-edible to dogs only on Pesach. In such a case, one may not derive benefit from it. | \*Note: Menucha’s answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



## Laws of Pesach

### Do Kids Need to Drink Arba Kosos



Abba’s favorite job on erev Pesach is setting up the table for the Seder. This year’s erev Pesach had extra joy to it since it was also erev Shabbos.

After Abba set up the *ka’ara*, the plates, and the silverware, he began setting up the cups for the mitzva of *Arba Kosos*.

When he reached the places where his twin boys Yehuda and Mendy sit, he began wondering if he should give each one of them a *becher*. “They are only six-years-old,” he said out loud. “Maybe, they don’t need to drink the *Arba Kosos*.”

After overhearing that, Imma said: “But maybe, since you need to tell them the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim, you also need to train them in the mitzva of *Arba Kosos*!”

**Question:** Should Abba give to Yehuda and Mendy *bechers* for *Arba Kosos*?

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## A Life Lesson



### from the Parsha

**ולא תטמאו את־נפשתיכם ...And you should not contaminate your souls...** (Vayikra 11:44) Following this verse, the Torah says: **כי אני ה' - Because I am Hashem who brings you up from the land of Egypt...**

What is the connection between *Yetzias Mitzrayim* and the mitzva to keep our souls pure? The *Sefas Emes* (Shmini, 5637) explains that the gift of *geula* to each Jew was his pure soul. The soul, says the *Sefas Emes*, is the source of **רצון** - the will and desire. And when the soul is pure, then we have the will and desire to bring joy to our Father in *Shamayim* through learning Torah and fulfilling His mitzvos. *Yetzias Mitzrayim* is what gave us that pure soul. And each year - during Pesach - we relive *Yetzias Mitzrayim*, and Hashem once again grants us this precious gift - the pure soul.

Now, after receiving this gift, we are instructed not to defile it: **ולא תטמאו את־נפשתיכם** - *And you should not contaminate your souls...* (Vayikra 11:44) That is connection between *Yetzias Mitzrayim* and the mitzva to keep our souls pure.

Practically speaking, what should a person do (or not do) to protect the purity of his soul? First of all, by eating kosher food - since that's the context of the above verse. But in addition to that, the *Sefas Emes* points out that king Shlomo taught us in Mishlei: **שֹׁמֵר פִּי וּלְשׁוֹנוֹ שֹׁמֵר מִצָּרוֹת נַפְשׁוֹ**. - "One who guards his mouth and tongue guards his soul from troubles." [Mishlei 21:23] Therefore, if we'll stay away from non-kosher food and non-kosher speech, we'll protect the purity of our soul - preserving that precious gift - the desire to do Hashem's will.



## Rhymes for Kids



Staging calm is your best bet,  
But anger causes to \_\_\_\_!

**"...and Moshe became angry with Elazar and Itamar...And Aaron spoke to Moshe, "But today, did they offer up..." Moshe heard [this], and it pleased him"** (Vayikra 10-20). [Moshe] admitted [that Aaron was correct,] and was not ashamed, [for he could have covered up by] saying, "I have not heard [of this law. Rather, Moses said to Aaron, "You are right! I did hear that an אִוֶּן must not eat from sacrifices that will be offered in future generations, but I forgot!"]". -- Rashi to Vayikra 10:20 (additions in brackets are based on Zevachim 101b and Toras Kohanim 10:60)



## Riddles & Trivia



Chaim loves writing down his *chiddushei* Torah on Chol HaMoed.

This Pesach, Chaim's younger brother Akiva noticed that on Chaim's table there were two jars of ink. Akiva also noticed that Chaim never used one of those jars to write his *chiddushim*. When he inquired about it, Chaim answered: "I am not allowed to use that jar of ink on Pesach!"

Akiva asked back: "Is it because the ink is *Chometzdik*?"

Chaim answered: "Of course not! A dog would never eat this ink. And by the way, the ink jar that I am using on Pesach has absolutely the same type of ink as this one."

Why is Chaim not allowed to use the first jar of ink on Pesach?

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