



A Rosh Kollel in Bnei Brak was preparing to publish a sefer, and he scheduled an urgent meeting in Yerushalayim related to the publication. The man he was meeting firmly told him that he could meet no later than 7:00 P.M. The Rosh Kollel usually finished his studies at 5:30 P.M and would return to Bnei Brak by 6:00. From Bnei Brak, he could catch the bus to Yerushalayim, which was approximately an hour's trip to the central bus station. He considered leaving kollel early that day to insure his promptness at the meeting. However, as the Rosh Kollel, he was hesitant to leave early. In addition, the avreichim would miss out on the shiur he normally gave during that time. He decided to remain in kollel until the end of seder, and trust in Hashem that He would help him arrive at his urgent meeting on time.

The Rosh Kollel proceeded as planned, but the yetzer hara was hard at work, trying to make him regret his good intentions. First, the ride to Bnei Brak from Gush Dan was delayed because of a traffic jam. When he arrived at the bus stop in Bnei Brak, he was dismayed to see that the bus to Yerushalayim had just left the bus stop. He had missed it, and the next bus was not until 6:20, which would not bring him to Yerushalayim in time for his meeting. In fact, he would have to take a second bus to the meeting's location once he arrived at the central bus station in Yerushalayim.

As the Rosh Kollel stood at the bus stop, contemplating his dilemma, an expensive looking official car pulled up to the bus stop. The driver opened his window and said to the Rav, "If you would like to join me on the trip to Yerushalayim, you're invited." The Rav, who clearly saw the *Yad of Hashem* in this incident, entered the car. Once inside, he realized that the car belonged to the American Foreign Minister, James Baker, who was currently visiting Israel. The man who sat behind the steering wheel was one of the top aides of the minister, who coincidentally was also a Jew. When he saw a *talmid chacham* standing at the bus stop, he decided to offer him a ride. The car, which had a blue revolving light usually reserved for police cars, was able to drive to Yerushalayim at a speedy pace. In addition, the Jewish driver brought the Rosh Kollel directly to the location of the meeting. The time was 6:58 P.M.

Hints & Answers* **LAWS of SHABBOS:** *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (10:7) teaches: "It is permitted to put melted ice cream in the freezer on Shabbos if one's intention is to eat that ice cream on that Shabbos." **RHYMES:** " " **RIDDLES:** Kitzur Shulchan Aruch (23) who teaches that if a Cohen was called up to the Torah, and he happens to be not in shul at that time, then it's forbidden to call another person to the Torah by name. Rather, the gabbai should just say to him: "Go up to the Torah now." The exception is if that other person is a son of the Kohen who was called up. | *Note: The answers are based only on the sources quoted and might not reflect opinions of other halachic sources.



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Returning Melted Ice Cream to the Freezer



"I'll have ice-cream when I'll come back from the Shalom Zachor," said Abba. Imma was shocked that Abba skipped on dessert (something that never happens at the Friday night *seuda*).

When Abba came back home, the house was quiet, everyone was already sleeping. You can only guess where he headed to after taking off his hat and jacket...

After opening the cover of the ice-cream he was a bit disappointed that three quarters of the ice cream was already gone. "I wonder what we'll have for desert tomorrow," he asked himself.

After enjoying two scoops of ice cream, sleep started to overtake him and he dragged himself to bed. But there was something that he forgot to do...He forgot to put the ice cream back in the freezer!

At 3:00 o'clock in the morning, Imma woke up and went to the kitchen to get a cup of water. She forgot all about her thirst when she saw the ice cream container standing on the dining room table! And of course, when she opened the cover of the ice cream, she found all of the ice cream melted.

Question: Can Imma put the melted ice cream back in the freezer?

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A Life Lesson from the Parsha

When the Beis HaMikdash was standing, the blessing of parnasa flowed through a channel of *kedusha*, namely the *Shulchan* with *Lechem HaPanim* (showbread) on it.¹ Since we don't have the *Shulchan* of the Beis HaMikdash today, what can provide a channel of *kedusha* for the blessing of parnasa to flow through it nowadays? Let's take a look at what the Torah tells us in this week's parsha (Emor) regarding the *mitzva* of *Lechem HaPanim*:

וְלִקְחֶתָּהּ סֵלֶת וְאַפִּיֹת אֹתָהּ שְׁתֵּים עָשָׂרָה חִלּוֹת ... וְשִׁמְתָּ אוֹתָם שְׁתֵּים מֵעַרְכּוֹת שֵׁשׁ הַמַּעֲרָכֶת
עַל הַשְּׁלֶחָן הַטָּהוֹר לִפְנֵי ה'.

And you shall take fine flour and bake it [into] twelve loaves...And you shall place them in two stacks, six in each stack, upon the pure table, before HaShem (Vayikra 24:5-6).

In Pirkei Avos (ch. 3, mishna 3), our sages of blessed memory teach us:

שלשה שאכלו על שלחן אחד ואמרו עליו דברי תורה, כאלו אכלו משלחנו של מקום ברוך הוא, שנאמר (יחזקאל מא), וַיְדַבֵּר אֵלַי זֶה הַשְּׁלֶחָן אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵי ה'.

Three people that ate [a meal] at one table and spoke words of Torah [during the meal], [it's considered] as if they ate from the table of the Omnipresent, Blessed is He, as the verse in Yechezkel (41:22) says, "And he spoke to me, [saying], "This is the table that is before Hashem."

From lessons taught by the Sefas Emes, based on the above mishna, we learn that through the Torah spoken during a meal - and specifically when the Torah is the *ikar* (the most desired part) for us there - our table, to some extent, receives the status the *Shulchan* with *Lechem HaPanim*, which serves as a channel of *kedusha* through which the blessing of parnasa flows into our world. (See Sefas Emes on Torah, Emor 5652)

(Interestingly, typically our Shabbos *seudos* is when the Torah at the table is the *ikar*. And regarding the *Lechem HaPanim* on the *Shulchan*, the verse in our parsha says: **בְּיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת בְּיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת יַעֲרֹכְנוּ לִפְנֵי ה' תָּמִיד מֵאֵת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּרִית עוֹלָם - On Shabbos day, on Shabbos day be shall arrange it in front of Hashem continuously...**)

? DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

You probably know that Dovid HaMelech was a giant in Torah. But did you know how he found time to learn Torah? The following verse in Tehillim reveals us his secret:

אֶתְּלִי יִפְנוּ דְרָכַי לְשֹׁמֵר חֻקֶּיךָ. -- תהילים קיט:

My prayers are that my ways should be established, to guard Your statutes. -- Tehillim 119:5

"To guard your statues" can also refer to learning Torah, since in this week's parsha, on the verse (Vaykra 22:31) וְשִׁמְרָתֶם מִצְוֹתַי Rashi teaches: זוּ "And you should guard"—this is referring to learning. Hence, Dovid HaMelech is teaching us in this verse the following message: "If you want to establish your "ways"— your ways to the Beis Midrash where you learn Torah, then ask Hashem to help you in it."



Riddles & Trivia



[The Torah in this week's parsha teaches that we need to accord honor to kohanim, as the verse says regarding a kohen, קָדֵשׁ יִהְיֶה לְךָ - *he should be holy for you* (Vayikra 21:8). Rashi explains it in the following way: בְּכָל־בְּרַךְ רֵאשׁוֹן בְּכָל־עוֹדָה נְהוּג בּוֹ קְדוּשָׁה לַפְתוּחַ רֵאשׁוֹן בְּכָל־עוֹדָה דָּבָר וּלְבָרֵךְ רֵאשׁוֹן בְּסַעֲוָדָה (*Treat a kohen with sanctity - i.e., to let him be the first one to initiate in everything and to be the first one to bless at a meal.* That's why, for example, a kohen gets the 1st aliya.)]

During Krias HaTorah, Gavriel, the gabbai came over to Chaim and said, "I want to give you an aliya now, but unfortunately, I forgot two things about you: I forgot your name and I forgot who in our shul is your father. Now, if your father is Reb Binyamin Cohen, then tell me your name. If not, then don't tell me your name, and you just go up to the Torah for your aliya."

Why did Gavriel say it like that?

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