



The terrible heat coupled with the intense humidity of Shanghai, made life unbearable for the Mirrer bochrin who had escaped there during the War. The learning in the yeshiva continued unabated, but with great difficulty. Eventually, the yeshiva had powerful electric fans installed which provided a respite from the stagnant and heavy air in the *beis midrash*.



The Mashgiach, R. Yechezkel Levenstein zt”l (‘Reb Chatzkel’) was amazed, “What’s causing such a powerful current of air here?” he asked. “Doesn’t Rebbe see that the workers installed fans?” came the response. “Yes I do, but how do they cause such pleasant air to flow through the room?”

Now everyone else were amazed: “The rotating blades cause the air to be circulated,” they explained patiently. “Which blades?” The Rav asked, “There’s nothing there at all! Just a strange looking piece of metal hanging off the ceiling.”

Everyone smiled to themselves and explained that due to their great speed, the spinning blades had become indiscernible.

Now, after getting everyone’s attention, Reb Chatzkel was ready to deliver his musser shmuez: “Life can be compared to pleasant air being pushed around a room. The fan is doing the work, but no one can see it working due to its intense speed. Let us not forget that Hashem is ruling and controlling the entire world, but due to His great speed, so to speak, we forget to acknowledge His presence and Almighty ability. We must always acknowledge the presence of Hashem in our lives!” [source: Hineni Beyadcha p525]

Hints & Answers* HALACHA CHALLENGE: *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (14:12, New Edition) teaches that the *minhag* is not to bathe in a pool on Shabbos even if one is not swimming in it. **RHYME:** “Must” **RIDDLE:** Shimon is thinking about wrapping himself in tallis before *Selichos* that he will lead in his shul, and those *Selichos* will take place very early in the morning, before the *z’man* for *tallis*. According to *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch* (128:6), in such scenario, one should borrow someone else’s tallis, and not use one’s own nor the shul’s. | *Note: Menucha’s answers are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha, but rather as a springboard for discussions and further study.



Halacha Challenge

Bathing in a Pool on Shabbos



Shabbos afternoon turned out to be a warm day. Chaim and Levi were playing in the backyard. By 3 o'clock it was too hot for them to play anymore.



“Let’s go inside, Chaim,” said Levi.

“But there is nothing to do in the home,” replied Chaim.

“Well, at least we won’t be hot,” explained Levi.

“Hey! How about we swim in the pool?” proposed Chaim as he pointed to the pool that was standing in their backyard.

“We cannot swim on Shabbos,” replied Levi.

“Ok, so we won’t swim there. We’ll just enjoy being inside the cool water of the pool,” said Chaim.

Question: Can Chaim and Levi bathe in the pool now?

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Parsha Pearls

You probably knew that giving tzedakah, is a great mitzva, but did you know that based on the verse **עֲשֵׂה צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט נִבְחָר** - *Performing charity and justice is preferred by Hashem to a sacrifice* (Mishlei 21:3), the Midrash on this week's Parsha relates to us the following *mesorah*: (Devorim Rabba, Shoftim, 5:3):

Sacrifices atone only for sins done unintentionally, but charity and [just] judgments atone for sins done unintentionally and intentionally.



Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

At every weekday *Shacharis* during the month of Elul, the sound of shofar is heard.

Ask around your Shabbos table: What should one think about when he hears the sound of Shofar?

An Answer: Once, a student in Yeshiva came to HaRav Nosson Tzvi Finkel zt"l (the former Rosh Yeshiva of the Mir Yeshiva) before Rosh Hashana, and asked him what should he think about when he hears the sound of shofar on Rosh Hashana. The Rosh Yeshiva answered the student: "You should think about other people."



Rhymes for Kids



תמים תהיה עם ה' אלקיך. -- דברים יח:יג

Rashi explains one of the messages of this verse in the following way:

כל מה שיבא עליך קבל בתמימות - *Accept wholeheartedly everything that will come upon you...*

Since in Hashem you put your trust
Not to worry is a _____!



Riddle



Shimon is thinking that not long from now he will be doing the mitzva of *arbah minim*. Of course, he knows that on the 1st day of Succos he cannot use a borrowed set of *arbah minim*. But Shimon is also thinking that before Succos he will be doing another mitzva, where it will not be proper for him to use his own mitzva item for that mitzva but to borrow it (although his own item is in excellent shape).

Which mitzva is he thinking about?

(Hint: Shimon goes to bed very early.)