



Once, the Rebbe of Sadigur, R. Avraham Yaakov zt”l travelled incognito to Haifa for a short respite from his busy schedule. After shacharis in the local shul, one of the congregants approached him with the offer to accompany him to his quarters. He reverently took the Rebbe’s satchel containing his tallis and tefillin, intending to carry it, but the Rebbe refused the service.

He explained his refusal as follows; “Sometimes, a king may give a gold medal to a friend – a great honor indeed! Is there any doubt that the recipient would feel proud? Of course not! Well, the tallis and tefillin too, are a Jew’s gold medals given to him by non-other than the King of kings himself! When I’m at home, I’m not given the opportunity to walk around proudly with my medals [due to the many ardent supporters who whisk them away from me!], so at least permit me to display them here in this city where I am relatively unknown.

[source: Tiferes Banim vol3 p35]

**Hints & Answers\* HALACHA CHALLENGE:** *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (14:35 , New Edition) teaches: “It’s permitted to smear a liquid substance (that’s not a cream) by hand on the skin in order to repel insects. It’s also permitted to use a spray for this purpose.” **RHYME:** “appreciate” **RIDDLE:** Based on the commentaries to the parsha of *Ben Sorer uMoreh*, the Torah teaches that in a home with healthy *chinuch*, a child needs to hear an agreement between the parents, as the verse says: “אִיִּנְנֵי שְׁמַע בְּקוֹלֵנוּ” - i.e. one united voice. | \*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

### Using a Mosquito Repellent on Shabbos



“Bzzz....Bzzz....”

“Imma, this summer vacation home is wonderful but I cannot fall asleep with a mosquito buzzing by my ear,” complained Yaakov.

“Ah! I brought along a mosquito repellent to this retreat,” said Imma.

“Amazing! Could you give it to me please?” asked Yaakov.

When Imma brought the mosquito repellent, Yaakov opened it and was about to apply it to his skin, but then he paused and said, “But today is Shabbos! Maybe we’re not allowed to use it now!”

**Question:** Can Yaakov apply the mosquito repellent now?

(The “Answers” section is on page 4)

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## Parsha Pearls

לֹא-יָבֹא עִמּוֹנֵי וּמוֹאָבִי בְּקִהְלֵהּ... עַל-דְּבַר אֲשֶׁר לֹא-קִדְּמוּ אֶתְכֶם  
בִּלְחֶם וּבַמַּיִם...  
...בְּלֶחֶם וּבַמַּיִם...

*An Amonite or Moabite shall not enter Kehal Hashem ...due to the matter that they did not greet you with bread and water... (Devorim 23:4, 23:5)*

The Ramban explains these verses in the following way: These two nations (Amon and Moav) owed appreciation to Am Yisroel because it was Avraham Avinu who saved Lot - the father of Amon and Moav. Hashem decreed that a person who comes from these two nations can never be allowed to a part of *Kehal Hashem* because they did not show the appreciation that they owed to Am Yisroel.

Look at how the Torah values the *midda* of *bakaras hatov* (appreciation)! People who don't have that *midda* are not allowed to be a part of *Kehal Hashem*! Why? Because one of the central elements in the make up of a Jew is the *midda* of *bakaras hatov*.



## Rhymes for Kids



*See Parsha Pearls section above regarding the parsha's lesson on appreciating kindness from others.*

My mommy gavø mø dinnø,  
And that dinnø I atø.  
Now I say, "Thank you, mommy.  
"Your cooking I \_\_\_\_\_!"



## Parsha Riddles



When a mother and a father are in agreement with each other, it fosters good *chinuch* for their children.

That is a lesson that we learn from this week's parsha. Can you find it?

## ? DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

**You probably knew** that doing an act of kindness is a great mitzva. **But did you know** that even when a person does a very small act of kindness he fulfills a Torah commandment?! The *Peleh Yoetz* (section 707) writes that even opening a door for someone who knocked on it is considered a fulfillment of a Torah commandment! So next time, and every time, you perform an act of kindness—no matter how big or small it is—have in mind that you are fulfilling a Torah commandment!