

Just a Story...



Once, when Rav Yisroel Salanter was in Paris he was in a very fancy hotel, he ordered a cup of coffee and it cost him a number of francs. Rav Yisroel wondered to himself why he paid so much for a cup of coffee which should have cost merely small change. Why do they have the right to charge so much money?

After giving it some thought he decided they were right in charging the high price. True, the coffee itself was worth far less, but they were charging him for the ambience, the nice building, the expensive furnishings, the beautiful gardens surrounding him, and the attentive care of the waiters. All this was included in the price. More than that he thought, not only did he enjoy all the accoutrements but it even enhanced the taste of the coffee itself!

The lesson from this experience said Rav Yisroel Salanter is that we are in Hashem's luxury hotel. When we drink even a sip of water we must realize that we are getting far more. We have solid ground beneath our feet, plentiful fresh air, a beautiful sky, the smell of flowers, the chirping of birds, and all the beauty and conveniences of the creation. When we take a sip of water we should remember, not only do we owe Hashem a thank you for the water, but also for the ambience of his luxurious world!

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** In Laws of Shabbos, the *Aruch HaShulchan* (242:5) writes: "ש"ש להרחיק הדלקת הנרות הרבה הרבה קודם השקיעה" - "...one should light Shabbos candles a very significant amount of time before sunset." **RHYME:** "boy". **RIDDLES:** 1. The *tzitz* had "קודש להשם" etched upon it 2. Hashem promised that He will rest His presence among Bnei Yisroel. Naftali Zvi Horowitz of Ropshitz is quoted saying that the two Yuds by which Hashem's name is abbreviated represents two Yidden (Yud is the 1st letter of the word "יהודי"). It reminds us that Hashem is present among two Yidden (when they have Shalom between them). 3. A Braisa (Chulin 138a) teaches: "A *kippa* of wool was placed on the Kohen Gadol's head, and the *tzitz* was placed upon it..." | *Note: Menucha's answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha, but rather as a springboard for discussions, and further study.

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The Time to Light Shabbos Candles



לְקַדְּלֵת נֵר תָּמִיד - ...to kindle the lamps continually. (Shemos 27:20)

Erev Shabbos. Yerushalayim. 4:25pm. As Imma was finishing up last preparations for Shabbos, she looked at the calendar to know what time was candle lighting (Yerushalayim's custom is to light Shabbos candles 40 minutes before sunset). "4:50 is

candle lighting. I have 25 more minutes. Is there anything else I need to do?" she asked herself. As she looked around the kitchen, she suddenly remembered that she forgot to make a cake for Shabbos.

Just at that moment, Chanie walked into the kitchen. "Quick, Chanie, help me prepare the cake!" said Imma. Chanie looked at the clock and asked, "Do we have enough time?"

"If we'll start now, the cake will be done at 5:20. I know that you won't be here at that time. So I'll turn off the oven at 5:20 and light the candles right away. I'll finish lighting at around 5:24. That will be still 6 minutes before shekiya! Sounds like a plan?"

"Imma, but we already have some dessert. We bought ice cream and popcorn." said Chanie. "I know, but everyone loves my cake on Shabbos," said Imma.

Question: Should they make the cake?

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Parsha Pearls

להעִלֵת נֵר תָּמִיד ...to kindle the candle continually [Shemos 27:28]

Regarding the Menorah, the Torah says, “...the seven candles should radiate **the** light.” [Bamidbar 8:2] What is **the** light that Torah is referring to? The Nesivos Shalom explains that it is the *Ohr HaGanuz* — the magnificent light that was created on the first day of creation and then hidden away.

The Nesivos Shalom further writes, that even nowadays we benefit from the light of the Menorah - Shabbos Kodesh is what radiates that light! In fact, the *Baal HaTurim* points out that the words **נֵר תָּמִיד** have the same *gematria* as **בשבת** (on Shabbos). This is another indication says the Nesivos Shalom that even without the presence of the Beis HaMikdash, the light of the Menorah is **תָּמִיד** (continual), because it radiates on Shabbos.

The Nesivos Shalom further teaches that the seven candles of the Menorah correspond to the seven days of the weeks, because the light of Shabbos shines upon all seven days of the week.

Knowing this, we should cherish that beautiful light of Shabbos and look forward to it each day.



Rhymes for Kids



משונכס אדר מרבים בשמחה !

*Purim will be really fun.
To do lots of mitzvos it will make us run.
We'll do them with much love and joy,
Hashem will smile at each girl and ____.*



Parsha Riddles



1. Which one of the priestly garments had Hashem's name written on it?
2. Why in some Siddurim Hashem's name is abbreviated as two Yuds?
3. The Torah tells us in this week's parsha that Kohen Gadol had 8 garments. In reality, however, besides these 8, Kohen Gadol wore one more garment! What was it? (Tefillin does not count)