



The pomegranate trees are blossoming now in Eretz Yisroel. Many make “*Birkas Illanos*” on pomegranates trees as they marvel the tree’s beautiful red flowers. Read on and learn some fascinating things about pomegranates.

The pomegranate is a native fruit of our Land. Its name in Latin means “apple with many seeds.” The pomegranate plant is well adapted to the hot, dry climates of the various places in the world and grows in a wide range of soils.

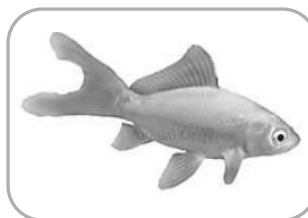
Some more interesting facts about pomegranates:

- ♦ In the old days, pomegranates were carried across deserts by caravans because of the fruit’s thirst-quenching juice.
- ♦ Pomegranate trees can live for over 200 years.
- ♦ Pomegranates can be stored for two months in the refrigerator!
- ♦ Next time you are about to open a pomegranate, keep the following in mind: Ripe pomegranates will make a metallic sound when tapped.

**Hints & Answers\*** **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (27:28) writes: “If a fish jumped out of water on Shabbos, and one estimates that it will continue to live if it will be put back in water, then to prevent *tza’ar ba’alei chayim* (suffering to a living creature), it is permitted return it to water [i.e., it’s permitted to move the fish in this case even though it’s muktza]. But there are *poskim* who prohibit it.” **RHYME:** “forget”. **RIDDLES:** Riddle 1: הנץ (Vayikra 11:16). “נץ” means sunrise. Riddle 2: Moshe. See Vayikra 10:20 and Gemora’s explanation in Zevachim 101b. Riddle 3: They are three out of the eight of “The 8 *Shratzim*” (Vayikra 11:29, 11:30) | \*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

### Putting the Fish Back in the Sea



**“Among all [creatures] that are in the water, you may eat these: Any [of the creatures] in the water that has fins and scales...”** [Vayikra 11:9]

The Goldburg family were spending their vacation by the Kineret. On Shabbos day, Avi and Shmuli took a walk by the sea.

“Look, Avi!” said Shmuli as he pointed to the shore in front of them, “A fish!”

Shmuli looked and was surprised to see a fish laying on the sand. As the brothers approached closer, they were shocked even more - the fish was alive!

“Probably, a wave brought it out to the shore,” said Avi.

“It’s so sad,” sighed Shmuli, “This poor fish will die without water.”

“So let’s throw it back in the water!” proposed Avi.

“How can we? It’s muktza!” replied Shmuli.

“But maybe it’s okay to move muktza to help a living creature not to suffer,” said Avi.

**Question:** Can they pick up the fish and throw it in the sea?

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### DEDICATIONS

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# Kids Ask, Zeidy Answers



Zeidy – after Pesach, we are even more enthusiastic about being *Ardei HaShem*. How can a person always know that what he is doing is good in *HaShem's* eyes?



Excellent question, kids. The Sefas Emes [Vayikra, 5631] teaches a fundamental lesson based on a verse in Tehillim\* and its Midrashic explanation. We can actually be messengers of *HaShem* in every action that we do! The Midrash explains that the word מְלָאכִי [His messengers] in the verse\* is referring to Bnei Yisroel. Therefore, before a person begins doing something, he needs to prepare himself with the following thought: “My only intention in doing this is to fulfill my mission that *HaShem* is sending me on.” With such preparation, teaches the Sefas Emes, a person will know what is good in *HaShem's* eyes.

\* בָּרְכוּ ה' מְלָאכָיו גִּבְרֵי כֹחַ עֲשֵׂי דְבָרוֹ לְשִׁמּוֹעַ בְּקוֹל דְּבָרוֹ -- תהילים קג:כ



## Rhymes for Kids



Staying 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 אֹנֶן 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



1. Which bird in this week's parsha loves sunrise?!
2. Who in this week's parsha was not embarrassed to admit that he forgot?
3. What do a hedgehog, a snail and a mouse have in common?