

Just a Story...

The Admor Rav Avraham Yeshoshua Heshel of Kopichnitz, *z"tl* was one of the the Gedolim of the past century. He was close with Rav Moshe Feinstein, *z"tl*, who lived in his neighborhood - the lower East Side. He also became close with Rav Yosef Shlomo Kahanaman when Rav Yosef once traveled to America to raise funds for his Torah institutions in Eretz Yisrael. This friendship eventually resulted in Rav Kahanaman matching up Rav Avraham Yehoshua Heshel's granddaughter with the son of Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach *z"tl*.

When the Admor of Kopichnitz arrived in Eretz Yisrael to attend the wedding, he met Rav Shlomo Zalman for the first time, and developed a warm connection with him. After the wedding, when he was ready to return to America, the Admor went to Rav Shlomo Zalman to bid him farewell. When they heard a honk from outside, Rav Shlomo Zalman accompanied the Admor to the car. However, it turned out that it wasn't the car which was taking the Admor to the airport. Meanwhile, Rav Shlomo Zalman sent someone to bring a chair for the Admor, and urged him to sit. However, the Admor refused to sit down.

The Admor explained, "When I was young, I once heard a wonderful *yesod* from my father, my teacher, the Admor Rav Yitzchak Meir of Kopichnitz: "Before you take any action, imagine that a photographer is standing opposite of you, and photographing your every move. Take out the pictures and examine them. If you are satisfied with your appearance, you can carry out what you intended. If not, refrain!" "I carried out this *cheshbon*, and said to myself. "How will I be able to look at a picture of myself sitting, with Rav Shlomo Zalman standing next to me!?" Source: *Chayim Sheyash Bahem*.

RIDDLES & TRIVIA answers: | 1. Vayikra 7:37, Vayikra 14:54, Bamidbar 19:14
2. The Fast of the *Bechorim* on *erev* Pesach. Until the firstborn son is able to fast, the father fasts for him on *erev* Pesach.

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Halacha Challenge



Riding a Scooter On Shabbos



On Bracha's 6th birthday, her grandfather took her to the shopping center in order to buy her a present. She asked for a real bicycle with training wheels. When they came to the bicycle store, they saw a sign on the door saying that the store will open in the evening. So Bracha and her grandfather went to a toy store to see that, perhaps, they sell bicycles there.

They did not find bicycles in the toy store. But a scooter caught her eye. Bracha thought to herself, "Why should I trouble my grandfather to come back to the bicycle store in the evening? And plus, I probably would not be able to ride my bicycle on Shabbos, since I don't see any kids riding bicycles on Shabbos." So she told her grandfather, that she'd rather get a scooter for her present.

All week long Bracha loved riding her scooter. On Shabbos morning, she wanted to ride her scooter, but was a bit hesitant to do it, since she wasn't totally sure if riding a scooter was allowed on Shabbos.

Question: Can Bracha ride her scooter on Shabbos?

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An Answer Based On the Sefer Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa *

It depends on the *minhag* of the place where Bracha lives — i.e., if the *minhag* in that place is to allow riding scooters on Shabbos, then Bracha can ride it.

[This article deals only with a question of riding simple children scooters that don't have inflatable tires. The question of riding a scooter with inflatable tires needs to be addressed in a different article.]

Source

Sefer Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa writes: “One should not prevent a child from riding on a tricycle [on Shabbos], inside a house or outside of it, in a place that has an *eiruv*, if the wheels of the tricycle are made from solid rubber. The same rule applies to non-electric scooters...”¹

Having said that, Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa mentions that one should not be lenient in a place where people have a *minhag* to prohibit riding on such toys.²

[It is interesting to note that Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa also writes that one may not ride on a regular bicycle even if the wheels are made from solid rubber; and even if it is a type of bicycle that is made specifically for children.³]



1. שמירת שבת כהלכתה פרק טז אות יח (מהדורה חדשה)
2. שם.
3. שם.

* Note: Menucha's answer is for Torah learning purposes only and not as a *halachic* ruling. The opinions of the sources cited in the article may not necessary reflect rulings of other *halachic* authorities.

Tehillim



מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר לְיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת. טוֹב לְהַדוֹת לָהּ וּלְזַמֵּר לְשִׁמְךָ עֲלֵינוּ.

A mizmor song for the day of Shabbos: It is good to thank Hashem... Tehillim 92:1-2

Why is it fitting to say “It is good to thank Hashem” specifically in the *perek* that is recited on Shabbos? In contrast to other days of the week, a person is not busy with worldly matters

on Shabbos, and his *neschama* is not burdened by physical exertions on his body (see *peirush* Radak*). Thus, this *perek* is saying that Shabbos is the best day of the week for giving thanks to Hashem, since on Shabbos, a person has more time and ability to do so.

*וְזוֹ"ל יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת הוּא טוֹב לָהּ מִשָּׂאֵר יְמֵי הַשָּׁבוּעַ, כִּי הָאָדָם פָּנוּי בּוֹ מִעֲסָקֵי הָעוֹלָם וְנִשְׁמָתוֹ זָקָה מִטְרָדוֹת הַגּוֹף וּמִתְעַסְקָת בַּחֲכָמָה וּבַעֲבוּדַת הָאֱלֹקִים.



Riddles & Trivia



1. The words זאת התורה appear three times in the entire Torah. This week's parsha has one instance of it.
Can you find it and the other two times?
2. Mr. Feinberg is a good father. He teaches his children well how to perform *mitzvos* so that they'll be ready to do them when they reach Bar / Bat Mitzva. Today – on a beautiful day in the month of Nissan, Mr. Feinberg's friends overheard him saying to his son Moishy: “Moishy – I am doing this *mitzvah* today, and you should not. But, when you'll reach Bar Mitzva, you will do it on this day, and I will not.”

Which *mitzvah* was Mr. Feinberg referring to?

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