

## Just a Story...

*Rav Yitzchak Elchonon Spector was the Rav in the city of Kovna and because of this he was called the Kovna Rav. One time, Rav Yitzchak Elchonon was in a room, helping two men who were having an argument. At the same time, Rav was waiting to hear if his talmid Yaacov would have to go to the Russian army.*

*Suddenly, the Rav heard a knock on the door. "Come in, please," he said. A talmid came in and said, "Rabbi, we just found out that Yaacov does not have to go in the army!" Rav was thrilled and replied, "Such good news! Thank you for telling me." A few minutes later another boy came in and said "Rabbi, Yaacov does not have to go to the army." Rav Yitzchak Elchonon did not want to tell him that he already knew, because he wanted the boy to be happy, so he said, "Boruch Hashem! What good news! Thank you for telling me."*

*For the next 30 minutes it happened again and again. Each time Rav Yitzchak Elchonon interrupted himself to show how happy he was even though he already heard the news.* [Source: The Daily Vort]

**Answers:** *Piskei Hilchos Shabbos* (vol 3, 1:11-12) by HaRav E. E. Padawer teaches: "It is permissible to spray whipped cream out of an aerosol can as long as the tip is round and not in the form of any shape. However, if the tip has some sort of shape thereby causing the cream to be shaped as it comes out, it may not be used on Shabbos. It is prohibited to make any letters, shapes or the like with the whipped cream, rather it should be sprayed on in a haphazard manner."

**RHYMES:** "dear" **RIDDLES:** Chevron and Yitzhar (Bamidbar 3:19) | \*Note: Menucha's answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha, but rather as a springboard for discussions, questions to a *moreh hora'ah*.

# Menucha

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## Halacha Challenge

### Using a Whipped Cream Can on Yom Tov



Shuly Weiss was famous for her delicious cheese cakes. She worked for weeks on these orders, and did really well. All of her neighbors were enjoying them for years already. They were decorated very nicely, but even so, she recommended adding Reddi Wip right before Shavuos.

"Mommy, can we please add the Reddi Wip now?" asked Malka. "This cake that you bought from Mrs. Weiss is amazing, but it really needs its final touches."

Malka loved decorating the cake to the end. She waited all year for this. "You're a great helper Malka, but I'm afraid, it's already way passed sundown, and I don't know if we are allowed to use the whipped cream spray can on Yom Tov."

"Do you want to ask Abba if it's okay?" pleaded Malka.

**Question:** Can Malka add the whipped cream on the cake now?

**ANSWERS are on P.4**

#### DEDICATIONS

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## Parsha Pearls

The last verse in sefer Vayikra says, **אֵלֶּה הַמִּצְוֹת**. The first verse in sefer Bamidbar says, **וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בְּמִדְבַּר סִינִי**.

Based on the Midrash Rabba (Bamidbar 1:7), the Ba'al HaTurim writes that through the connection of these verses, the Torah is teaching us a major life lesson: **אם אין אדם משים עצמו כמדבר אינו יכול לידע תורה ומצות** - "If a person does not make himself like a desert, he will not be able to know **Torah** and **mitzvos**."

The question that remains for us to answer is: "What does it mean to make yourself like a desert"?!



## Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

**Ask around your Shabbos table:** Since we already have the Torah, what should we be excited about as we count the Omer in our approach to Shavuos?

**One of many answers:** Because on Shavuos we re-live the incredible experience of Matan Torah (see Nesiovs Shalom, Shavuos, 1)



## Rhymes for Kids



A question you can ask that's, in fact, really nice:  
"Why Hashem counts us so many times?"

Rashi gives an answer that's simple and clear:  
To our Abba in Shamayim we are very \_\_\_\_.

*מתוך חִבְתֵּן לִפְנֵי מוֹנֵה אוֹתָם כֹּל שְׁעָה - Because they are dear to Him, He counts them all the time* [Rashi's commentary to the 1st verse of Sefer.]



## Parsha Riddle



Although Eretz Yisroel is not mentioned in this week's parsha, you can find names of two cities of Eretz Yisroel in this week's parsha! What are they?



## DID YOU KNOW THAT ?



**You probably know** that it is important to prepare for Shavuos during these days. **But did you know** that one place where you can start this preparation is by *Bircas HaTorah* that you say each morning? The way to prepare for Shavuos is to say *Bircas HaTorah* with joy! In fact, it's a halacha! The Mishna Berura (47:2) writes:

*וַיְבָרֶךְ אוֹתָהּ בְּשִׂמְחָה גְדוּלָּה -- "And one should make [the blessing on the Torah in the morning] with **great joy**."*