



Also known as Sir Fish by the Vietnamese, the Whale shark is a slow-moving filter feeding shark and the largest known of the fish species. The largest confirmed Whale Shark was 41.50ft in length and weighed more than 47,000lbs. They can live for 70-100yrs and hold many records for sheer size in the animal kingdom, most notably being by far the largest living non-mammalian vertebrate.

Although Whale sharks have very large mouths (upwards of 5ft wide), as filter feeders, these magnanimous creatures feed mainly on plankton. Plankton are microscopic plants and animals. The Whale shark uses 10 filter pads along with 300 rows of tiny teeth to assist in eating its food. It is capable of diving to depths of more than 4,219ft in order to feed! This brilliant creature is endeared by many cultures including but not limited to the Vietnamese, the Japanese and the Philippine peoples.

**Hints & Answers\*** **SHMIRAS SHABBOS:** Based on a ruling of Magen Avraham, *Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (12:27, The New Edition) teaches that a bent knife may not be straightened on Shabbos. **RHYME:** “heart”. **PARSHA RIDDLE:** I am challah. *Hafrashas challah* was not done. Today is Shabbos. If dough was kneaded in Eretz Yisroel, and one realizes on *Shabbos* that he did not do *hafrashas challah*, it’s not going to be possible to eat that challah on that Shabbos. However, if the dough was kneaded in *chutz la’aretz*, it’s possible to eat that challah on that Shabbos (A Rav should be consulted to get instructions of what to do in such a case). | \*Note: Menucha’s answer are not intended to be taken as final decisions in halacha, but rather as a springboard for discussions, further study.

## Halacha Challenge

### *Straightening a bent blade of a knife on Shabbos*



“It’s time to wash and make *hamotzi* on our fresh, home-made challah that Imma baked,” said Abba with much joy after the Friday night *kiddush*.

“I wait the whole week for Imma’s fresh challah,” said Sruli. His family almost never missed a week of fresh baked challah.

“I’ll go get the challah knife,” said Rachel.

As she was walking to the kitchen, she thought to herself, “Wait, I remember that I used that knife to clean something off the floor this week, and I bent the knife! What are we going to use now?” So she asked her oldest brother Shaul about that.

“Don’t worry,” said Shaul, “I remember learning in Menucha a few weeks ago that one can return to its proper place a bent part of a hat on Shabbos. If so, straightening a knife on Shabbos is also okay.”

**Question:** Can the knife be straightened now?

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### DEDICATIONS

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## Parsha Pearls

אלה שמות האנשים אשר-שלח משה לתור את-הארץ ויקרא משה להושע  
בן-נון יהושע.

*These are the names...And Moshe called Hoshea bin Nun - Yehoshua.*

Chazal teach us that students are called children. To Moshe, Yehoshua was like his son -i.e., very beloved...

Based on Midrash Rabba, Rashi explains why Moshe changed Yehoshua's name:

התפלל עליו, י-ה יושיעך מעצת מרגלים (במ"ר טז, ט. יח, כא): (רש"י)

*Moshe prayed for Yehoshua – "HaShem should save you from the plan of the spies."*

If Moshe needed to pray for Yehoshua to be saved from the influence of others, all the more so we should pray continuously for our children to be saved from negative influences of the society.



## Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

וימה הארץ אשר-היא ישב בה הטובה היא אמר-ה' ... [במדבר יג:ט]

**Ask Around Your Table:** Since already back in Mitzrayim, Hashem told to Moshe that Eretz Yisroel is a good Land, why did Moshe ask the spies to see if the land is good?!

**Answer:** The Ramban answers that Moshe wanted the spies to pay attention to the quality of the Land and bring back a report that will gladden Bnei Yisroel. Why did Moshe want to do that? The Ramban answers that Moshe wanted Bnei Yisroel to enter Eretz Yisroel with joy! We can learn from Moshe Rabbeinu to always "spy" and find a way to do each mitzva *b'simcha!*



## Rhymes for Kids



...ועשו להם ציצית... *And they should make for themselves tzitzis strings*  
-- Parshas Shelach, Bamidbar 15:38

I am doing a mitzva  
from the day's very start!  
I look at my tzitzis,  
and it cheers up my \_\_\_\_!



## Parsha Riddle



Once upon a time, the mitzva that's mentioned in this week's parsha was not done with me. If you made me in Eretz Yisroel, you won't be able to eat me today. But if you made me in *chutz la'aretz*, you'll be able to eat me today! *What am I? What mitzva was not done? What day is today?*



## DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

**You probably know** that in this week's parsha there is verse that talks about Hashem's presence in our world: 'וַיִּמְלֵא כְבוֹד־ה' אֶת-פְּלִי־הָאָרֶץ

**But did you know** that Mishna Berura speaks about it in the 1st *siman*?! Commenting on the Rama's words in the 1st *siman* of the *Shulchan Aruch*, the *Mishna Berura* writes:

דהיינו שיצייר בנפשו תמיד איך שהוא עומד לפני השם יתברך, כי הקב"ה מלא כל הארץ כבודו.

*"One should always picture in his mind how he is standing in front of HaShem Yisroel, because HaKadosh Boruch Hu's glory fills the entire world."* (Mishna Berura 1:4)