



Rav Yaakov Neiman zt"l, the Rosh Yehsiva of Petach Tikva once related to his students how he acquired an appreciation for the importance of learning Torah. When he was a child, his parents used to host yeshiva bochurim once a week for "essen teg", the system in which bochurim would eat their meals at different families every day in the community. (Most yeshivas, at that time, did not have cafeterias for the bochurim.)

Rav Neiman described the almost Yom Tov type atmosphere which would envelop the house on Sundays, the day his family hosted the bochurim. His mother would spread a white tablecloth on the table, and the whole family would wait for the bochurim to arrive with great anticipation and excitement.

As a side note, Rav Neiman commented that he believes that his mother was repaid for the great respect and kindness she showed the bochurim. When Rav Neiman went away to yeshivah, he also went to different families every day for meals. Not all the families were as kind and generous as his mother was to yeshiva bochurim, but invariably he was always treated well on Sundays!

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** Since the apple's benefit is greater because it will go inside the body, the *bracha* should be made on it first (see Mishna Berura 216:4) **RHYMES:** "must" **RIDDLE:** Q.1: C (See Mishna Berura 581:1 for the reason) Q.2: C (We don't blow shofar on the last day of Elul) | *Answers here do not necessarily reflect the consensus of *poskim*. The purpose of answers is to provide a base for discussions and further study.

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Halacha Challenge



Which Blessing to Make First: on the Apple or on the Spices



Now that Reuven is Bar Mitzva, he tries to make sure that he says 100 blessings each day.

On this Shabbos afternoon, he thought to himself, "I'll have a fruit snack and smell some *besamim*. That will add to my count of *brachos*."

So he cut up an apple, put it on a plate and brought it over to the table.

Then, he took a special jar with *besamim*, that their family use to smell on Shabbos, and put it in front of his chair.

When he sat down, he looked at the apple and at the *besamim* jar, and asked himself, "Do I make a *bracha* on the apple first, or on the *besamim*?"

Question: Which *bracha* should Reuven make first?

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תָּמִים תִּהְיֶה עִם ה' אֱלֹקֶיךָ. -- דְּבָרִים יח:יג

You should be pure with Hashem, your G-d. [Devorim 18:13]

Commenting on this verse, Rashi explains that this verse is telling us the following lesson:

הַתְּהַלֵּךְ עִמּוֹ בַּתְּמִימוֹת וְתִצְפֶּה לוֹ וְלֹא תַחְקֹר אַחֵר הָעֲתִידוֹת, אֲלֵא כֹל מָה שִׁבָּא עֲלֶיךָ בַּתְּמִימוֹת וְאִז תִּהְיֶה עִמּוֹ וְלַחֲלֹק.

Walk with Him with pure [emunah], and yearn for Him. And don't investigate about the future tidings. Rather, accept with pure [emunah] everything that will come upon you. Then, you will be "with Him" and "His inheritance".

We see from here that the secret to not worrying about the future is *כל מה שיבא עליך קבל בתמימות* "Accept with pure [emunah] everything that will come upon you." - i.e., If you accept now that whatever will be, will be good since it will come from Hashem, you will not worry.

Another lesson that we learn from this verse, or more specifically from the words *תָּמִים תִּהְיֶה עִם ה'*, is that Hakadosh Boruch Hu wants us to walk in life **with** Him (Rashi's beginning words of his comment to this verse are: **Walk with Him...**).

This idea is reflected in the famous words of the prophet Micha (6:8): *וְהִצַּנְעָה לְכָת עִם אֱלֹקֶיךָ*—*Walk humbly with your G-d.*



Rhymes for Kids



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Rashi explains one of the messages of this verse in the following way: *כל מה שיבא עליך קבל בתמימות* - *Accept wholeheartedly everything that will come upon you...*

In Hashem you put your trust
Not to worry is a _____!



Trivia



Choose the Right Answer

Q.1 Some communities begin saying selichos from Rosh Chodesh Elul. The ideal time to say Selichos is

- A. Between 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock in the morning.
- B. At sunrise.
- C. At the end of the night.

Q.2 We blow the shofar

- A. Once a day, each weekday of Elul.
- B. Twice a day, each weekday of Elul.
- C. Once a day, but not every weekday of Elul.