



When the Shabbos-observant passengers on El Als Flight #02 from New York were informed that they would be arriving in Israel at 3:30 on Friday afternoon rather than 1:00 as scheduled, they began worrying about where they would spend the holy Day of Rest. This delay, resulting from inclement weather on the East Coast, meant that they had only one hour and ten minutes until the beginning of the Shabbos.

Their problem was solved thanks to two airline rabbis and scores of generous hosts. Rabbi Yochanan Chayot, El Als Director of Religious Passengers Services, and El Al Rabbi Avshalom Katzir set up an emergency service for the 50 passengers who requested it. They were rushed off the plane on a special staircase and hurried through two special border-control lines. In the meantime an appeal was made on a religious radio station for families to host passengers for the Shabbos. Some 80 calls came in response, many more than were needed.

In a matter of minutes those who lived nearby were on their way home while the others enjoyed the hospitality of families in Bnei Brak, Elad, Kfar Chabad and Shoham. Two other passengers who arrived on another flight only 20 minutes before the holy day began spent the Shabbos at the airport, courtesy of El Al. [by R. Mendel Weinbach zt"l. Printed with Permission. Source: Ohr Somayach Institutions www.ohr.edu]

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** It is best not to blow bubbles with a chewing gum (see Revivos Efrayim 8:564:1) **RHYME:** “way”, “thirst” **RIDDLE:** He was afraid to leave Eretz Yisroel. See Rashi’s commentary to Bereishis 46:3 | *Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in *halacha*.



Halacha Challenge

Blowing Bubbles with a Chewing Gum



After the dessert was served at the Shabbos *seuda*, Shimon looked at the choices and did not have desire for any of the served delicacies.

“So what should I have for dessert?” he asked himself.

After a moment, he had an idea. He went to his room, and when he came back he was holding a bubble gum in his hand. He sat in his chair and began unwrapping it. His brother Kalman, who was sitting next to him, tilted towards Shimon and whispered to him, “Just make sure not to blow bubbles with it.”

Shimon turned to Kalman and glanced at him with a perplexed look.

“Yeah, I think I am right,” said Kalman, “Because last week, Abba told us not make soap bubbles. So this is like the same thing...”

Question: What would you advise Shimon to do: ‘You can blow bubbles’, ‘don’t blow bubbles’, or ‘better not to’?

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Dedicated anonymously for yeshuos and refuos to all Klal Yisroel





Parsha Pearls

”And Yehuda approached him...”

Why are the Jewish people called *Yehudim*? It comes from the name Yehuda יהודה. Why was Yehuda named that way? Because his mother Leah said 'הפעם אודה את-ה' “this time I will **thank** Hashem” - יהודה is related to the word אודה. In his insights on the parsha, the *Sefas Emes* (Vayigash, 5631) quotes the *Chidushei HaRim* saying: We are called *Yehudim* because we thank Hashem for every small and big thing, since we know that everything is from Hashem.

As you go through your day, notice the big and the “little” blessings that your loving Father in Shamayim sends to you, and thank Him for each one of them. Why? Because you are a *Yehudi*.



Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

Ask around your Shabbos table: Last week’s parsha ends with the words of Yehuda expressing guilt and subordination to Pharaoh’s viceroy (Yosef). But this week’s parsha starts with the words of Yehuda, talking to Pharaoh’s viceroy harshly and bravely, as Chazal teach us that he was even ready to wage war again Mitzrayim! How come, all of a sudden, Yehuda changed his attitude?

An Answer: Yehuda recalled that he made a קבלה (a complete commitment) to be responsible for Binyomin’s safe return home. This gave Yehuda strengths that he didn’t have before!

In his sefer, Maayan Bais Hasho'eivah, Rav Shimon Schwab zt”l teaches that from here we learn a great lesson: When a person makes a קבלה to keep *mitzvos* (for example, when reciting the 2nd paragraph of Sh’ma), then Hashem gives that person new strengths!



Rhymes for Kids



When you’re ready to plan your day
Learn from Yehuda the proper ___!
Plan your Torah learning first!
Then you’ll learn it with a ___!

וַאֲתֵי-יְהוּדָה שָׁלַח לְפָנָיו אֶל-יוֹסֵף לְהוֹרֹת לְפָנָיו גִּשְׁנָה *And Yaakov sent Yehuda ahead of him to Goshen, to teach (Bereishis 46:28)* As this verse is letting us know, on his great move to Mitzrayim, Yaakov Avinu sent Yehuda ahead of him. What was the purpose for this? Rashi explains that Yaakov Avinu wanted Yehuda to establish a Beis Midrash in Mitzrayim before the family would arrive there. From that Beis Midrash, the Torah’s *halachic*/guiding teaching would emanate. As such the verse says: לְהוֹרֹת - to teach (related to the word הוראה - a *halachic*/guiding teaching).

The lesson from here is for us as well. Yaakov Avinu taught that the formation of the structure for Torah study that guides our lives needs to be fixed in first. And then, everything else. When you open your daily planner and plan your tomorrow’s busy schedule, “send Yehuda ahead first, to teach” - first, schedule in the *sedorim* for learning, and then everything else.



Trivia & Riddles



In last week’s parsha, Yaakov Avinu was afraid to send Binyamin to Egypt. What was Yaakov Avinu afraid of in this week’s parsha?