

Mashal



A man was working late at night in a tall office building. By the time he realized how late it was the building had already been locked for the night and he needed someone to help him get out. The one window that he found that could be opened was on a very high floor and people passing by on the street below could not hear him scream for help. He had money in his pocket so he figured if he throws down dollar bills people would look up to see where it is coming from.

He stood there emptying his pockets throwing down a significant amount of money. Unfortunately the people excitedly picked up the money but didn't bother looking up. After a while he was out of money but still nobody noticed him. He then decided to throw down water. As soon as he threw the first bucket of water, an angry crowd looked up wanting to know who was up there and what was going on.

Hashem sends us all kinds of blessings from Shamayim hoping to catch our attention. Some people just pick it up and enjoy it without asking any questions or looking around to identify the source. Hashem then says, "Unfortunately, I need to throw something else to get their attention." Hashem throws the first "bucket of water" and we look up.

The Chofetz Chaim writes in "Ahavas Yisroel" (ch 5): "In reality, a person needs to think deeply and see for himself that his evil inclination persuades him every day to hide from comprehending the enormity of Hashem's acts of goodness and kindness. Consequently, it prevents the person from giving proper praise to Hashem for these acts."

This Chag HaPesach, we have a great opportunity to transform ourselves into people who constantly recognize every blessing that our Father in Heaven sends to us.

Hints & Answers* HALACHA CHALLENGE: *Sefer Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa* (16:5) teaches: "It is permitted [for a child] to play with marbles, as long as he plays with them inside the house, and on a condition that the floor is not an earthen floor. But outside the house, he may not play with marbles even on a paved surface. **RHYME:** "enjoy" **RIDDLE:** I am chometz. The 6 mitzvos are: (1) To dispose of chometz on the erev Pesach. (2) Not to eat it from noon of the 14th of Nissan. (3) Not to eat it all 7 days of Pesach. (4) Not to eat mixtures containing chometz all 7 days of Pesach. (5) It should not be seen in your possession all 7 days of Pesach. (6) It should not be found in your possession all 7 days of Pesach.

| *Note: Menucha's answer are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



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Halacha Challenge



Playing with Marbles on Shabbos



On the Shabbos afternoon, kids were looking for interesting things to do.

"Let's play a game with our marbles," proposed 4-year-old Shmuel.

"Great idea, Shmuel!" replied Moishy.

"Let's play with them outside, since there is more room there," said Shmuel.

"I don't think we can play with marbles outside," said Moishy.

"I don't think we can play with them even inside!" said their brother Yosef.

"They don't have batteries!" said Shmuel, "So inside and outside is okay!"

Question: Who is right - Shmuel, Moishy or Yosef?

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Dedicated anonymously for yeshuos and refuos to all Klal Yisroel



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Parsha Pearls

“Moshe saw the entire work, and behold! They had done it as Hashem had commanded, so had they done. And Moshe blessed them.” - Shemos 39:43

What blessing did Moshe give them? Rashi answers this question: “Moshe said to them, “May it be His will that the Shechinah should rest in the work of your hands.”

Tiffereš Shlomo points out that before giving to Bnei Yisroel this special blessing he “looked” at the contributions of Am Yisroel. The blessing came as a result from that look. Because Moshe looked at their contributions with an עין טובה, it created a room for the Shechina to rest there.

The lesson is for us as well. Our עין טובה builds a place for the Shechina in this world.



Ask Around Your Shabbos Table

In parshas Teruma, Hashem told Moshe that the purpose of the Mishkan: וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם. Yet nowhere in parshas Vayakhel do we see Moshe relating this point to Bnei Yisroel!

Ask around your Shabbos table: Why didn’t Moshe Rabbeinu tell to Bnei Yisroel the main aspect of the Mishkan - its purpose!?

Answer: After we said *na’aseh v’nishma*, we were given two crowns for saying *na’aseh* before saying *nishma* - i.e., for promising to keep Hashem’s every mitzva even if their reasons are hidden from us. In last week’s parsha, after the *chet* of *egel hazahav*, we were told to remove those crowns, because the *chet* of *egel hazahav* was a failure in our promise. In this week’s parsha, by hiding from Bnei Yisroel the purpose of the Mishkan, Moshe gave them an opportunity to do a *tikkun*, and once again be the nation that listens to every mitzva without knowing its reason.



Rhymes for Kids



Someone who goes out in the days of Nissan and sees [fruit] trees that have blossomed flowers, says, “Blessed are you Hashem,...who fashioned good creations and good trees for people to enjoy...” [Shulchan Aruch O.C. 226:1]

Bircas Ilanos is said in Nissan,
By every girl and boy,
We thank Hashem for the beauty,
That He made for us to _____.



Pesach Riddles



Although I am liked by many now, soon, no one will want me. There are six mitzvos that are associated with me in the Torah - one positive mitzva and five negative mitzvos. Can you tell me who am I and what are the six mitzvos associated with me?

? DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

You probably know that in this week’s parsha Bnei Yisroel donated three types of metal for the construction of the Mishkan. **But did you know** that the Midrash teaches that these three metals in the Mishkan’s structure represent our three Avos - Avraham, Yitzchok and Yaakov?! [See Midrash Shemos Rabba 49:2]