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Parsha: Bereshit

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Mindblower!!!!

If a person who can neither speak nor write was sent to jail, and they were asked to finish their sentence, how would they do that?

Awesome Aliyah

Aliyah 1

- G-d creates the heavens and earth, and on the first day specifically creates light, separating it from darkness.
- Over the next five days, He forms the sky, seas, land, vegetation, sun, moon, stars, sea creatures, birds, land animals, and finally Adam.
- On the seventh day, God rests, blessing and sanctifying Shabbat.

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D'var Torah On The Parsha

The Light We're Not Using Yet

On the first day of Creation, Hashem creates light — three days before the sun, moon, and stars even exist. It's a strange detail easy to read past: what kind of light shines before there's a sun to shine it? Chazal address this directly. The



Gemara in Chagigah teaches that this first light wasn't ordinary light at all — it was so powerful a person could see from one end of the world to the other. Hashem saw that the generations to come wouldn't be worthy of a light like that, so He hid it away, reserving it for the righteous in the World to Come. The sun and moon we actually use starting from day four are a replacement, a dimmer version of something far brighter that still exists, just out of sight. What's the P'shat? Starting the entire Torah with a light too bright for us to keep, then hiding it for later, sets up something worth noticing at the very beginning of the story: not everything we're given gets used right away. Bereshit opens with abundance before it opens with instructions, and reminds us there's more waiting than what's currently switched on.

KOSHER **COMEDY** **CORNER**

Q: Why did the candle go to the doctor?

A: It was feeling a little light-headed.

Famous Jewish Companies

Lutron Electronics

Joel Spira is the Jewish founder of Lutron Electronics. Born in New York City in 1927, Spira invented the first solid-state dimmer switch in 1959, testing it out of his own apartment before starting the company with his wife Ruth in 1961. Lutron grew into one of the largest lighting-control companies in the world, and its dimmers are credited with saving the U.S. roughly 9.2 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity a year. The original dimmer is now part of the Smithsonian's collection. Spira ran the company as chairman until he passed away in 2015 at 88, and Lutron stayed privately owned by his family afterward, led by his wife Ruth and daughter Susan.

Parsha Pointers

- **H**ashem created the world in six days and rests on the 7th day.
- He creates Adam HaRishon and Chavah on Erev Shabbat.
- Hashem tells Adam that he and his family can eat anything that grows in Gan Eden. However, they can't eat from the Etz HaDa'at – the Tree of Knowledge.
- A snake makes Chavah eat from the Etz HaDa'at. Adam also eats from the tree, and they are both punished.
- Kayin and Hevel are born.
- Kayin kills Hevel (who was only 40 days old)!
- Noach is born.
- Noach gets married and has 3 kids.

Fantastic, Fabulous, Fun Facts!!!

Lutron's dimming products are estimated to save the U.S. about 9.2 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity every year, roughly \$1 billion in energy costs.

RUSSIAN TERMS

Svet

Свет

Translation: Light. This week's P'shat is the Svet edition.

Vaza

Вазa

Translation: Vase.

Temnota

Темнота

Translation: Darkness. In this week's Parsha, Hashem separates light from darkness on the very first day of Creation.

Halacha Of The Week

Halachot of Keli SheMelachto

LeHeter

Muktzeh does not apply to all foods that are edible in their current state. Due to this, a person would not be able to move them for no reason. Foods that are intended for sale are not muktzeh. Frozen challah or any other type of frozen cooked food is allowed to be moved on Shabbat. Even though, in their current frozen state, they are not edible, if you were to leave them out for a little while and let them thaw, they would be edible. This applies to stale bread as well. Although the bread isn't edible, if a person wanted to, they could soak it in a soup and eat it like that.

This section is written by Moshe Pleshtiyev. These Halachot are based on the writings of the Chazon Ovadia.



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The Punchline

I told my sister I drive like lightning. She asked, "So you drive fast?" I replied, "No, I hit trees."

Riddle!!!

Q: I stand tall on the shore, I never move, and I guide everyone home. What am I?
A: A lighthouse!

Terrific Torah Thoughts

The Hidden Light

The Midrash teaches that the original light of day one was so powerful a person could see from one end of the earth to the other, far brighter than anything the sun or moon could produce. Rather than destroy it, Hashem tucked it away for a future time — meaning the most powerful light in creation has technically already been made, it's just not in use yet.