

A Joke With A Lesson

Shaya was stopped by a police officer. "Sir, license and registration. Do you know why I pulled you over?"

"Not really?"

"Well, you have way too many people in your car. Everyone out!"

After everyone left the minivan, there were a bunch of bachurim. It looked like a whole minyan could daven.

"Police officer," Shaya said, "If I show you something out of this world that will shock you like you can't imagine, will you let me go?"

Yes. He said. Shaya opened the trunk, and another 5 bachurim came out...

What's The Lesson? A person doesn't really know how much they can accomplish; they will shock even themselves if they really try their best and always ask Hashem for help and direction!

Yanky asked his friend Zevi, "What business do you think I should get into? Singing or playing Instruments?"

"I think you may have a better chance with Instruments!" Zevi said.

"Why do you think that?" Yanky asked.

"Because I already heard you singing..."

What's The Lesson? Not everyone can sing, it's okay, but everyone has some talent that they are good at!

Hashem gave them to you for a reason!

Find your talent!

Short Stories and Inspiration.

Give Everyone A Chance!

R' Aharon Leib Shteinman ztl would tell the heads of schools and yeshivas to take in weaker students from less from and less learned families and not only take in the smart from very strong families.

R' Shteinman would say, "You would be greatly shocked that some of the weaker students grew to great levels!

What The Lesson? When a person feels that someone believes in them, they can grow to great levels!

This Connects To This Week's Parshah:

We learn that when a person wants to bring a korban, one should bring the best and most special kosher animal as an offering for Hashem. In life, we sometimes look at others as simple yidden, who maybe don't know how to learn so well or are weaker than us in keeping mitzvahs and that they are not so special. We must remember just because we don't see them now as anything special, it doesn't mean anything. One just has to have some patience, show warmth, and keep trying to uplift them. Anything is possible, especially since we know that every Yid has a soul, which is good and wants to do good.

Feeling Forgotten?

Sruly* was once waiting in line for hours and hours to go into the Belzer Rebbe's shilta; he needed advice and a blessing for his older son, who was in shidduchim for many years.

There was a list of who could go in when, and it was finally almost Sruly's turn to go in when he noticed that the rebbe's gabbai went to the back of the line and told a much younger person to go into the rebbe first. And it happened another time, again. When Sruly saw the gabbai pass by, he shared his feelings and how annoyed he was: here he was waiting so long when these two people just came and were also much younger, but got in first. It was not right to be skipped like that.

When it was Sruly's turn, the Belzer Rebbe said right away, "I know why you're here, and I give you my blessings. Also, the reason I asked those two people to skip ahead of you was that I realized that they are the right ones to help your son. It's all taken care of. I told them I would send you; they are waiting to help you.

What's The Lesson? Don't be so quick to judge. While Sruly thought it was all going bad, it was all really for the good, and the rebbe actually looked out for him while he was waiting.

This Connects To This Week's Parshah:

We learn how one should thank and bless Hashem with everything Hashem has given them.

In life, especially in difficult moments, we can feel like Hashem forgot about us or chas V'Sholem he skipped us when it comes to certain blessings, but we must believe with Emuna that Hashem loves us and only does what's best for us! He is setting everything up; we may not always be able to see and appreciate everything in the moment, but we keep our belief strong, and if one really looks, they will find even now what to 'bless Hashem for all the good!'

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This is not meant to rule practical *halachah*; rather, it's to show the sweetness of learning.

Based on R' Yitzchak Zilberstein's *seforim*

Q. The Perfect One!

Tzvi was getting ready for his wedding and went to buy a new suit. He told the owner he was getting married the next Monday and needed a beautiful suit.

Okay, I have the perfect one for you, and I will give you a special price of \$1000.

Wow, that's expensive. I will buy it, but if I don't end up using it, can I get my money back? Tzvi asked.

Yes, the owner said, but only if you don't use it!

The day after Tzvi's wedding, Tzvi walked in and asked for his money back. "I want to return this suit," he said.

The owner said, "First of all MAZEL TOV! Are you sure you didn't use it? If you don't want to buy it, you can always pay me a rental fee of \$650."

"Thank you, but I didn't use it," Tzvi said.

The owner wasn't so sure, but gave Tzvi his money back.

After Tzvi left and the owner cleaned the suit, he felt something in the pocket: he found an envelope that said, "Mazel tov, Tzvi! Today is your big wedding day!" and inside there was \$650. It seems he did use it, the owner thought to himself.

Can I keep this money as a rental fee he probably owes me?

Who To Ask?

Of course to R' Yitzchak Zilberstein Shlita!

A. Who makes Torah Learning so sweet & geshmak!!!

1) There is a rule in halacha: "If you have any claim against someone, then you must bring proof about your claim!"

2) The Gemara (Bava Basra 93a) says: If someone has a camel that went wild, and a few minutes later there was a neighbor's animal found lying dead next to the wild camel.

The owner of the wild camel cannot be held responsible for killing the neighbor's animal unless you can actually bring proof he killed it! Just because it looks like it did it, that's not good enough proof.

The same would seemingly apply here as well. The owner of the suit needs to bring proof and cannot assume that Tzvi used them.

3) However, our case is different from the case in the Gemara (Bava Basra 93a of the wild camel), as over there is no proof at all.

But in our case, the envelope is the greatest proof that the suit was used. Why else would the envelope be in this suit?

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How Music Is Played!

A Bachur once came to R' YY Jacobson and said "I don't know if I'm allowed to ask such a question, but I feel that Yiddishkeit has so many rules; I want to be free; I feel so controlled. I can't do so many things."

R' YY said, "first of all you are allowed to ask questions, and you asked a very good one. Let me ask you: Do you play any instruments?"

"Yes," the bachur said, "I play the Violin" and showed his violin. R' YY asked if he could have it and cut one of the strings.

The bachur said, "No, it is very expensive!"

But all the strings are tied and locked in place; let them be free! R' YY asked, "If you cut it, the violin won't work! No music will come out, the bachur said.

"AHI My dear student, see? For music to play, one must be tied down!" R' YY said. "Yiddishkeit also shouldn't be looked at as just trying to stop you from enjoying life; rather, it is meant to help you stay in place so you will play your own unique and beautiful music!

Halachas and mitzvahs are a delicious healthy diet for the soul! A diet isn't meant to hurt you, but to help you live healthy!

To play your music and to be really free, one must make sure they are locked in and strong, doing the right things; once one knows they are tied down, they can play their songs and be themselves without feeling like a slave to others, just by being their own unique selves!!"

What's The Lesson? The torah is not meant to stop us; the opposite

- it guides us and helps us play our unique music.

This connects to this week's parshah:

We learn that one is not allowed to eat blood. If the torah had to warn us from something that most people are disgusted by, then how much more must we be careful to stay away from sins that are easier to fall for (Rashi)

In life, we must remember Hashem loves us and gave us a beautiful torah so we can live successfully in this world too.

It's meant to help and guide us, so yes, we must sometimes go the extra mile and be careful where we go, what we see, or what we do, but this will only help us play our beautiful spiritual song!

A Geshmaka Question & Readers Answers

This weeks geshmaka question:

Moshe rabbeinu told klal Yisroel - "See, if you will keep the Torah today you will have blessings and if not then the opposite chas v'sholom."

Question: What message was Moshe rabbeinu trying to add when he said 'today'?

Last week's Geshmaka Question: What life lessons can be learned from swimming or playing sports?

R' Avrum Rosenblum Answers: Swimming and sports are both very beneficial to our health and well-being. Hashem gives us a chance to accomplish those benefits, while also enjoying what we are doing. Also sports shows us how important it is to be part of a team, to get things done, as you can be the best ball player in the world, but without someone to throw the ball to, you can never win.

Z. L. Answers: Even if someone messes up or something doesn't go our way, we should accept that it's all from Hashem, - especially because it's just a game.

Tzvi Goldstein 10 Yeshiva Bais David Monsey Answers: Just like eating, drinking, sleeping, we do it all so we can have נח for עוונות, so too, we can use swimming & sport to rejuvenate ourselves, to have continues נח for עוונות.

Avraham Yakkov Braun and Moshe Singer Answers: Lesson from the elimination ball; even if one gets out - and, chas v'sholom, a yid falls - he can never get out forever, they can always return! Ask your friend or Rav/Rabbi for an answer, and it may appear here.

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Appreciating Shabbos!

R' Fischel Schachter was once in Manchester for Shabbos, where sunset is very late, after 10:00 pm!

"You would think they were ready in time for Shabbos, no last-minute rush, almost forgot this or that. But an hour before Shabbos, people were rushing and taking care of last-minute things just like anywhere else in the world."

Human nature is to leave things for the last minute, whether Shabbos is 4 pm or 10:00 pm.

What's The Lesson? We need to learn more about the greatness and beauty of Shabbos.

The more we appreciate it, the more we will be ready in time.

This connects to this week's parshah:

In this week's parshah, we learn that one must fear Shabbos and Yom Tov (based on Chazal, Yevamos 93a).

Fear of Shabbos, besides for fear of doing something not allowed on Shabbos, can also mean fear of ruining the holiness and connection one can reach on this holy day!"

R' Yitzchak Zilberstein shlita said that when it comes to a Wedding, the chassan and kallah and their parents will be there early.

It's not that they don't have anything else to take care of; it's that the wedding is more important now than anything else.

So too on Shabbos, we may have things to take care of, but when Shabbos comes in, Shabbos is more important than anything else!

When one appreciates something, they will make time for it and even be there early for it.