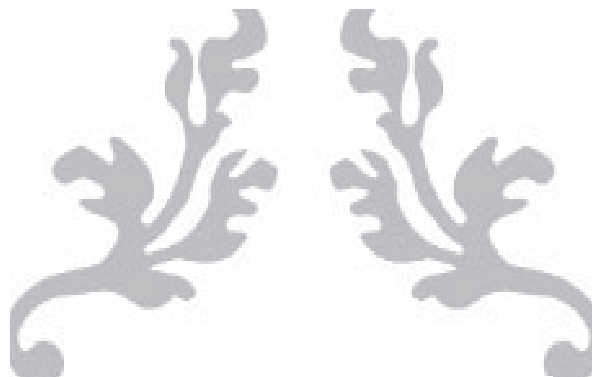


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This is not meant to rule practical *halachah*; rather it's to show the sweetness of learning.

Based on R' Yitzchak Zilberstein's seforim

## Q. A Shabbos Horse!

A *Talmid Chochem* became a *Rav* in a third-world country, where cars are used but they also use horses and wagons to get around.

His first Shabbos as *Rav*, **he noticed two people coming to shul by car!** He told them they were not allowed to use a car on Shabbos, but they wouldn't listen.

They kept saying that they lived far away and next to non-Jews; and what kept them connected to Yiddishkeit was going to shul. They said "we need to come."

The *Rav* thought to himself, riding a horse is a **rabbinic** problem, and driving a car is a **Torah** prohibition! Both are bad, **but a Torah prohibition is even worse!** So the *Rav* told them, "**Rather come with a horse and wagon.**"

They said "**to this we agree!**" and started coming by horse.

The problem was that the *Rav* noticed that a few more people were on the carriage ride, not just these two Jews. The *Rav* asked them "**its Shabbos today, why are you traveling on a horse and wagon on Shabbos?**"

They said, "**We heard that the Rav himself said it's allowed!**"

The *Rav* tried explaining to them that he only allowed **these two** people, but **not** for everyone else.

**But they weren't so learned and didn't want to listen.**

### Who To Ask?

**A.** Of course, you go ask R' Yitzchak Zilberstein shlita!

**R' Zilberstein shlita answered:**

R' Yitzchak Zilberstein shlita went to discuss this question with R' Aharon Leib Shteinman zt"l, who answered; "This *Rav* is asking "now" what he should do; **but who said he should have allowed to ride a horse and wagon on Shabbos in the first place?**"

- 1)** A *rav* or *beis din* **should not permit ways** to travel publicly to shul on Shabbos, which is usually forbidden.  
**Doing so makes it sound as if the Rav has given permission** to use such transportation and that there's no problem using it on Shabbos. **And Yidden who aren't so learned will make a mistake thinking it's permitted, as happened in this story!**
- 2)** It would be better if the *Rav* didn't give advise or permission about riding a horse on shabbos and just let them continue to do what they were doing.  
**So they and others shouldn't be confused and make them think that the Rav allows riding a horse and wagon on shabbos.**
- 3)** The **Maharam Shik** (Orach Chaim 96) discusses the importance of being careful on Shabbos.  
He says a *Rav* must be very careful when allowing something to be done on Shabbos since it can cause a chillul Shabbos. **People who aren't so learned compare one situation to another and will say that since one thing is allowed probably something else similar is permitted as well.** A *Rav* must be very careful.

## Q. What Is This?

A few older Yidden were coming to shul and were brought by non-Jewish helpers.

These helpers noticed something interesting on Yom Tov and asked, "**What is this?**" **Some of you raised your hands and said some stuff.**

**It's the blessings of the kohanim;** they were answered (which is in this week's parashah), **and they bless us with many blessings.**

The next time there was birchas kohanim, **these helpers came inside and said they also wanted to receive blessings from these kohanim.**

### Is this a problem?

**A.** Who To Ask?  
To R' Yitzchak Zilberstein Shlita!  
Who makes Torah Learning so geshmak!!!

- 1)** The **Zohar** says that a Non-Jew should not be in the room while the Kohanim bless the Jewish people.  
**They should be asked nicely to please leave the room just for this part.**
- 2)** If they don't want to leave, the kohanim should still bless the people (**Chida**)
- 3)** If these non-Jewish helpers don't want to leave, **they should be told to stand in the back of the shul, so they shouldn't stand between the kohanim and the Jews during birchas kohanim.** (Rabbeinu Yair Bachrach in Mekor Chaim 55:20)

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## "You Worked For it!!!"

A father wanted to teach his son responsibility, so he told him to go out and find a job.

**The son was lazy and didn't do anything**, and instead asked his mother for some money and at night showed it to his father.

The father took the money **and ripped it up**.

**"Don't try faking me,"** the father said, **"and tomorrow go find a real job."**

The next day, the son was still lazy and didn't go find a job either and just asked his mother for some money **again**.

He gave it to his father as proof he did go to work.

The father said, **"Don't lie to me,"** and ripped it up again. **"Don't try tricking me again! Look and find a job! And please don't disappoint me again!"**

The next day, the son went looking for a job, and worked for the first time in his life. He was hungry since he worked for many hours, but before eating supper he first wanted to show his father the money he earned.

**The father took it and was about to rip it again**, but the son said, **"Totty! Please don't rip it! I worked really hard for this!"**

The father said, "Until now, I didn't believe you, **because it didn't bother you that I ripped it which meant you didn't work for it**. Now, you put in your time and effort and worked and deserved it; so it bothered you. Now I believe you.

**Lesson:** When one puts in **their energy, time, and effort** to learn, daven, and perform mitzvahs, **it will mean more to him and he'll appreciate it more!**

### This connects to this week's parashah.

**A Nazir is holier than a Kohen**, since a Nazir can't become impure to be next to his seven close relatives who pass away (mother, father, etc.), while a Kohen could.

**It's because the kohen didn't work to be on a level of holiness; it's only because his father was a kohen, but the Nazir had to work on himself to receive this holiness.**

**When one works harder on himself, he's more holy!** (Based on Avnei Nezer and Sfates

Is it hard for you to learn? To daven? To do certain mitzvahs?

The more difficult it is, and you still push yourself, the holier you become!!!

## Why Do Frum People...

**R' Avichai Kohen** used to dress in fancy clothing and advertise as a model for big companies.

He made lots of money but became a *bal teshuvah*. (He is interviewed; it is worth the listen)

**Someone once asked him why frum jews dress in black and white clothing. They don't get to express their uniqueness?**

R' Kohen said that it's true, but because they don't dress every day in a new way, **they are forced to bring out their uniqueness through their personality.**

It's not like the outside world, **where it's more about what you wear than who you are.**

**Lesson:** Clothing is important, but even more important than that is, **WHO ARE YOU?**

**You are a holy yid with a pure and unique soul!** Appreciate that you are special; why? **Because you are!!!**

### This connects to this weeks parashah:

The 12 Nesi'im (leaders) brought the exact same type of offerings, **and the Torah repeats what each one brought again and again**, making it the longest parsha.

**Why?** Just say they all brought the same types of Korbanos.

Because each one had **different things in mind** when they brought them! Everyone was unique!

**Remember, we are all unique and great!**

## A Geshmaka Question & Readers Answers

### This Week's Geshmaka Question on the Parshah

We learn that the kohanim have a mitzvah to bless the Jewish people (*birchas kohanim*) and that they must bless them "with love." **Why do the kohanim have to bless "with love?"**

**Last week's Geshmake Question:** The torah was given on Har Sinai, a small mountain, so we should learn that a person has to be humble. If the point is to be humble, why give it on a small mountain at all? Give it on a flat ground?

#### Z. Langer Answers:

A practical answer is that it had to be on a small mountain so that everyone should be able to see the giving of the Torah.

#### S. Brown answers:

a person can't be too much down, because if yes then he will not learn or daven, because it doesn't make a difference, because he's nothing, so he has to have a little self confidence. **Yiyasher ko'ach and hatzlacha roba.**

#### Chaim & Shlomy Rieffer Answers:

One of the Gur Rebbe's said "A person is meant to be humble but still needs to believe in himself, but not brag and show how big he is."

Ask your friend or Rav/Rabbi for an answer and it may appear here.

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# A Joke With A Lesson

Tovia was moving and called a moving company.  
Tovia had lots of seforim, and put them into a few boxes, and they were **very heavy**.  
The worker tried picking it up and said, "**No way, man. I'm not picking this up; it's too heavy!!**"

**Tovia wasn't sure what to do;** he didn't want to start unpacking now.

So he called his good friend Lipa.

**Lipa said "don't you know how to deal with these people? Offer them a nice tip!!!"**

Tovia went over to the worker and said, "Here's a extra **\$50**. Can you please take the boxes?"

**With a big smile**, the worker took the \$50 and put it in his pocket. **He then piled THREE HEAVY BOXES OF SEFORIM on top of each other and walked out with ease...**

**Lesson:** When one **wants** to do something, **nothing** can stop him!

Chazal say (Makkos10b) "in the way a person **wants** to go, so he is lead there!"

**"All a person needs is to believe he can do it, and he's on his way to success!"**

A grandfather read a book to his grandson to help him fall asleep.

The grandmother walked in and asked, "**Is he sleeping already?**"

Yes, **he** is fast asleep. **The grandson said...**

**Lesson:** I once heard a great line:

**"Non-Jewish people say stories to put kids to sleep."**

**"Yidden say stories to wake them up and inspire them!"**

## Short Stories and Inspiration

### **Are You Happy?**

A bachur came to **R' Aharon Leib shteinman ztl** and said he wanted permission to leave yeshiva and learn by himself in a quiet shul; he'll be able to accomplish more like that.

R' Aharon Leib said, "Okay, I give you my permission, but come back to me in a week, and we'll see how it goes. "

A week later, the bachur said he didn't waste a minute and even ate his meals in shul.

R' Aharon Leib asked the bachur "tell me, do you have a *Simchas hachaim* (are you happy)?

The bachur said no.

R' Aharon Leib said "one needs friends to have *simcha* (to be happy)." *This is one of the benefits of Yeshiva.*

**Lesson:** Everyone needs friends! **If you see someone who can use a friend, be that friend!**

### This connects to this weeks parshah

We learn in this week's parshah about birchas kohanim; If one Kohen hates a person and doesn't have him in mind to bless him, he's not allowed to bless anyone! How does one stop hating a person?

If one focuses on the good of every person, it's not possible to hate someone!

**Focus on the good, every person has some good. So many people are just looking for a friend; be that friend!**

### I'm Davening, but it seems getting worse...

**The Germans were on the way to the Eretz Yisroel during World War II.**

**R' Shlomke of Zvhil zt"l** heard about it and went to daven by the **Ohr HaChaim's Hakadosh** grave. After davening, as he walked home, some Arabs attacked the Rebbe and his *Gabbai*. The Rebbe was very happy afterward, explaining that he has a tradition that **when one davens, and it seems to get worse afterwards, this is a sign that Hashem accepted his prayer**. The Nazis, for unknown reasons turned around and didn't come to Eretz Yisroel. The real reason is the power of prayer!

**Before the Pnei Menachem zt"l became Rebbe**, he decided to accept a personal commitment not to speak after krias shema al hamita, which is said before going to sleep. The first night, right after finishing Kiras Shama, his brother, who was the Gur Rebbe at the time, called him to speak about something to help Klal Yisroel.

He went and spoke with his brother, but that night, he didn't go to sleep and stayed up learning. Why? Because he didn't want to break his commitment the first night. By staying up, he didn't break his commitment since he didn't go to sleep.

The Pnei Menachem said, "Hashem tests you big time after one accepts on himself something."

**Lesson:** 1) Don't give up if it gets harder; it's a test. 2) It could also be a sign that Hashem answered your prayers!

### This connects to this weeks parshah

We just finished accepting the Torah and right away we are tested with reading and learning the longest parshah in the entire torah. (Chasam Sofer). Why? Like the Pnei Menachem said, "Hashem tests you big time after one accepts upon himself something."

**"So remember, it's a test; try your best!"**