



The head of the Inquisition court of Spanish priests was about to sign another execution order against a Jew who had been caught by Torquemadas agents practicing his religion by praying in tallit and tefillin.

This time, however, his hand was unable to move. He tried again and again to pen the death sentence but to no avail. The shock of this paralysis sent his mind racing back to his childhood and he recalled being kidnapped by agents of the church from his Jewish home and being raised in a monastery to become a priest. His superior intelligence was quickly recognized and he was promoted from post to post until he became the chief judge of an ecclesiastical court trying Jews who refused to accept the dictates of the church. He had been separated so long from his family that he hardly remembered them. But now it occurred to him that the Jew whose death sentence he found so difficult to sign might be his own father.

He quickly summoned the condemned prisoner to his chambers and asked him if he had a son who was kidnapped by church agents as a child. When the answer was affirmative, he broke into tears and embraced the man in chains, crying, "Father, Father!"

Not only did he acquit the man he discovered to be his father, but also he soon found a way to abandon the church and return to his Jewish roots.

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Hints & Answers* HALACHA CHALLENGE: : Sefer Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa (5:11) teaches: "It is allowed to put a slice of lemon into a cup of hot tea (provided that the tea is in *Kli Shlishi*), even though some of the juice will leak into the tea. But one may not press on the slice of lemon with a teaspoon, even when it's inside the tea."

RHYMES: "trust" **RIDDLE: 0.1** - "And the *omer* is one tenths of an Eifa" (Shemos 16:36). **1** - Moshe told to Aharon to take one jar to store mann in it (ibid., 16:33). **2** - Bnei Yisroel arrived to Midbar Tzin on the second month (ibid., 16:1). **3** - Bnei Yisroel traveled a three-day journey from Midbar Shur and could not find water (ibid., 15:22). **6** - Hashem told Moshe that on the sixth day there will be a double portion of *mann* (ibid., 16:5). **12** - There were twelve springs in Eilim (ibid., 15:27). **15** - Bnei Yisroel arrived to Midbar Tzin on the fifteenth day of the month (ibid., 16:1). **40** - "And Bnei Yisroel ate the *mann* for forty years..." (ibid., 16:35). **70** - There were seventy date palm trees in Eilim (ibid., 15:27). **600** - Pharaoh took six hundred of his best chariots to pursue after Bnei Yisroel (ibid., 14:7). | *Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in *halacha*.

Halacha Challenge

Pressing on the Lemon



"Ahh...nothing like a nice cup of tea on *leil Shabbos*!" said Abba after taking a sip from the tea that his children, Malki and Simma made for him.

"Would you like a little lemon in your tea, Abba?" asked Malki. "We made your tea in *Kli Shlishi*," added Simma.

"Oh, that would be really nice!" replied Abba, "Especially, since the lemon is from our tree, and it is the week of Tu Bishvat!"

While Abba stepped out from the room, Malki dropped a slice of lemon into the tea. Simma took a teaspoon and wanted to press on the lemon.

"Wait, Simma!" screamed out Malki, "I am not sure if you may do that on Shabbos."

Question: May Simma press on the slice of lemon?

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Parsha Pearls

... כִּי אֲנִי ד' רֹפֵאֶךָ [שמות טו:כו]

...because I am Hashem, who heals you [Shemos 15:26]

We might think that in this verse, the Torah tells us that when we get sick “ר”, Hashem heals us. But in reality, that’s not actually the meaning of this verse. Rashi tells us that **“because I am Hashem, who heals you”** means that Hashem helps us stay healthy!

We remind ourselves that Hashem is our healer multiple times a day when we say the blessing of *Asher Yatzar*. The **Aruch HaShulchan** (O.C. 6:3) teaches that in that blessing also, the meaning of the words רֹפֵא כָּל בְּשָׂר is that by keeping the body working properly, Hashem protects our health!

Interestingly, Chazal teach us that a person should *daven* to stay healthy on a frequent basis (because it requires less merit to keep a person healthy than to heal him from an illness). By knowing that when you say multiple times a day רֹפֵא כָּל בְּשָׂר you are praising Hashem for keeping you healthy, you are earning the merit to stay healthy!

Ah Gezunte Vinter!



Rhymes for Kids



“...Behold! I am going to rain down for you bread from heaven...” (Shemos 16:4)

The **Mishna Berura** writes: “And the reason for saying the *parsha* of *mann* (daily) is so that a person will have *emunah* that all of his food comes as a result of השגחה פרטית (Divine providence)” [Mishna Berura 1:13]

One lesson from *mann* is really a must:

In Hashem above you should put your ____!



Riddle



Find the following numbers in parshas Beshalach

0.1

1

2

3

6

12

15

40

70

600