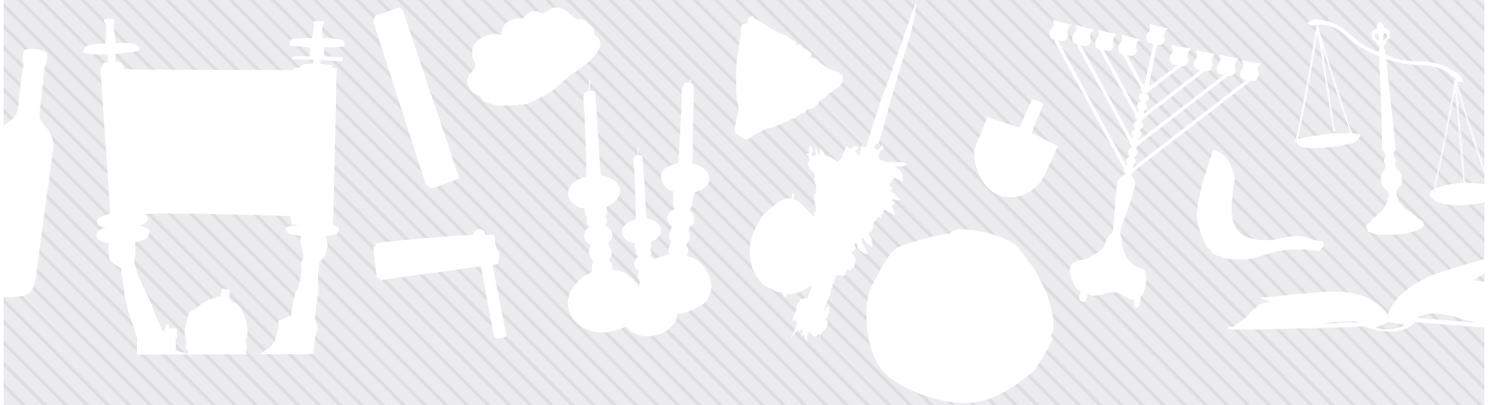


HALACHOS HATZRICHOS

PACKET #22



THE FACE OF THE SHECHINAH

In the Zohar *Chadash* for *Parshas Lech Lecha*, it says something very beautiful: When the Rashbi (Rabbi Shimon *bar* Yochai) would go to see *kinderlach* learning Torah, he would say that he was going to see the face of the *Shechinah*!

This isn't just a nice saying. The *sefer Kav Hayashar* says a *melamed* of Jewish children needs to keep this in mind. He should remember that the *Shechinah* is with him when they are learning, and should be careful to do his work properly! He should also make sure that the room where he is teaching is clean and *kavodik* for the *Shechinah*!

Poskim say that a classroom where children learn Torah has *halachos* similar to a *shul* or *Beis Medrash*, that it needs to be kept clean and treated with respect!

See Piskei Teshuvos vol. 2, p. 224



KIDDUSH LEVANA

The Rema writes that we dance and celebrate at *Kiddush Levana* the way we celebrate at a *chasunah*! *Kiddush Levana* is a sign for the *Geulah* of Yidden, when there will be the *chasunah* between Yidden and Hashem!

One of the last *horaos* we got from the Rebbe, in 5752, is to be extra careful with *Kiddush Levana*. We are careful to do it properly, at the right time, and to do it in a beautiful way — wearing nice clothing, together with many people, and in public!

Reminder: In many parts of the world, it has been cloudy, and people might not have had a chance to say Kiddush Levana yet. According to the Luach Colel Chabad, the latest time to say Kiddush Levana is Tuesday in the middle of the night, at 12:13 am.

See Shulchan Menachem, chelek beis, p. 206



KIDDUSH LEVANA

Every *mitzvah* we do is special and important, and every *mitzvah* brings us *brachos*!

Still, there are certain *mitzvos* that are a *segulah* — they help bring down a *bracha* for something specific.

The Rebbe reminds us that *Kiddush Levana* is a *segulah* for healthy teeth.

(In a letter to someone who wrote to the Rebbe about a problem with his teeth, the Rebbe told him to keep this *segulah*, and be careful about *Kiddush Levana*.)

The Ruzhiner used to ask for this clearly in *Kiddush Levana*. When he said the *posuk*, “*Kach Lo Yachlu Kol Oivai Lingoa Bi Lera’a*,” “So too my enemies should not be able to harm me,” he would add, “and I should never have a toothache.”

The Rebbe Rashab would put his fingers on his teeth when saying that part of *Kiddush Levana*, and the Rebbe would too! (You can see this on the videos of the Rebbe saying *Kiddush Levana*!)

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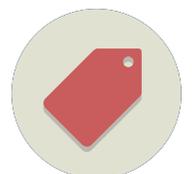
BUYING FROM YIDDEN

In *Parshas Behar*, the Torah teaches us about doing business like a Yid should. One of the *pesukim* has the words, “*Konoi Miyad Amisecha*,” “when you buy from your fellow.”

The *Chachomim* learn from this *posuk* that if a person has a choice, he should buy from a Yid.

Many years ago, there was a terrible terrorist attack in Kfar Chabad. After this attack, the Rebbe sent a group of *bochurim* to raise the spirits of the *Chassidim* and Yidden of Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe made sure that the tickets for these *bochurim* were bought from a Jewish airline, based on this *halacha*.

The Rebbe writes about these airline tickets in this letter of 5716



BUYING FROM AN EXPENSIVE YID

When we have a choice, we are supposed to buy from a Yid.

But what if it's harder to shop there?

The *Chachomim* say that even if it is a little farther to go to the Yid's store, or if it's less comfortable there, it's still worth it to go out of our way to buy from a Yid. Even if the Yid's store is a little more expensive, we should still buy from him.

If it's much more expensive (everyone can decide for himself what "much more expensive" means), then it is fine to go to the cheaper store, even if it's not owned by a Yid.

(This is only for a regular person buying — a businessman who is buying wholesale is allowed to just go to the cheapest place.)

See a nice summary of these halachos with sources on Torah.org (scroll to the last question)

