

Quick Tips and Advice

Hi, my dog really did eat my homework. What can I do?

Bertrand, London

Hand in the dog.

Hi, have just finished a GCSE exam. Well bored. Under exam conditions. What can I do?

Humphrey, London

The Cancan

Hi, am locked inside the sixth-form common room. What can I do?

Archibald, London

Not much, presumably.

Hi, how do I get the annoying guy handing out the Living Torah at the gate to shut up?

Timothy, London

A fiver should do it.

What's the time?

Alfonse, London

Time, Rosemary, Basil

Hi, I can't work out what to do for the last box?

The Living Torah Purim Edition

Erm.....Hmnnnn.....

The Last Box

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Peace of Mind

The Megillah states that at the end of the Purim story, 'Mordechai was acceptable to most of his brethren'.

Surely the whole Jewish community should have been grateful to Mordechai and he should have been very popular?!

Rashi explains that at the beginning of the whole episode, Mordechai was an effective spiritual leader for the Jewish people. During the rise of Hamman, Mordechai was a good example to the rest of the Jewish nation, refusing to bow down to Hamman. However, once peace had returned to the land, Mordechai took an official role in the government and tried to involve himself in politics. Rashi says that because of that, Mordechai lost some popularity. The Gemara in Megillah says that part of the Sanhedrin parted from him and disapproved of his Bittul Torah. Once the national need for salvation had been satisfied, Mordechai should have returned to learning Torah.

Rabbis are meant to learn, teach and live Torah. A failure to do so is wrong. Politicians and business leaders are meant to run communal affairs using knowledge and decisions of the Rabbis. Holy people, items and actions should not be distracted by mundane necessities. This is also seen near the beginning of the Megillah when the Jews attend the feast of Achashverosh and are punished for doing so.

The obvious question is what it was that the Jews had actually done wrong?

As the Megillah says, Achashverosh had arranged for there to be food to suit everyone who was there. Why was it so terrible that the Jewish people went to a banquet and ate *Glatt* Kosher food? Why did we

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deserve the whole of the Purim story?

The answer given is that whilst the food was 100% Kosher, the cause of celebration, and the environment were able to taint the food we ate. If one does the right action with wrong intentions, even the action becomes a bad deed. This fits in with the point that holy actions should not be tainted with unholy intentions.

We say, "He who makes peace in the heavens, he shall make peace upon us and upon all of Israel" (Kaddish). The Chafetz Chaim asked, in what way is there peace in the heavens? Surely, with millions of colossal speeding balls of burning gas hurtling around past planets and meteors, the heavens are nothing like peaceful!

Why then does it use that as an example of peace? Answers the Chafetz Chaim that we misunderstand the true meaning of peace. Peace is not when nothing is happening and everything is quiet. Peace is when everything is doing its proper job. Therefore, since every natural object in the universe is created for a purpose, the planetary movements are exactly as they are meant to be with every lump of rock following the perfect trajectory for its own purpose.

So too, Mordechai should have left politics for politicians, and for eating Kosher for the wrong reasons, we deserved punishment. When everyone does their own task, then there will be ultimate peace and the coming of Moshiach.

A'Freilechen Purim and drink in moderation. Remember, there are six Mitzvot we must keep every second of every day. If one is too drunk to think of them, one is breaking six Mitzvot instantly!

The Purim Story according to ...

The BBC

Reports are coming in that Zionist activists waged bitter war in Shushan killing thousands. The war was said to be in response to unconfirmed reports of threats of violence against the Jews. Our special correspondent Jeremy Bowen-Haman said the threats of violence were probably over-estimated, and that there is no real proof on the ground that when the army were instructed to wipe out all the Jews alive within the Empire anything other than a cultural exchange was intended. China has already withdrawn its ambassador to Israel (again) in protest (again) at something or other.

The JC

The JC has managed to confirm that Haman did indeed have a Jewish grandmother, Mrs Sadie Very-Old-and-Daft, who is now living in Bournemouth Jewish Care Asylum. Mrs S. Ferry-Old gave an interview to our reporter Mr T. Rouble-Maker and said "Yes, we're all very proud of Haman, and he has really shown how far a Jewish boy can get on if he only tries. I'm just sorry that the rabbis keep interfering." The Shushan Beth Din were unavailable for comment (as usual).

Hamodia Letters Page

Have your readers got any good ideas for getting rid of anti-Semites like Haman? Last year we were overrun with Hamans and managed to have great success by spraying them with lemon-juice.

The Jewish Tribune

Haman came and killed the Jews or tried to all the same, He was undone and stopped his fun, by a girl with a very pretty name, Queen Esther came and stopped him just at the proper time, With thanks to Hashem we notice that this very nearly rhymes (or more than our poems do anyway).

The Official Shushan Chronicles

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The Classified Section

TO LET – Recently refurbished, one-bedroom apartment. Modern, luxurious, all amenities, satellite TV. Panoramic views. Delightful area with friendly neighbours and residents. Cheap rates available. – Email: hmprisons@dartmoor.co.uk

LOST – Not sure where I am. No money for taxi. Lift, anyone?

LOST – The plot.

FOUND – A peanut, found a peanut, found a peanut last night!!!

FOUND – An amazing new way of wasting people's time!!!!

SELLING - Nice parachute: never opened - used once!

SELLING - Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 volumes. Excellent condition. £1,000.00 negotiable. No longer needed. Recently married; wife knows everything.

SELLING - Dog: eats anything and is fond of children.

ADVERT - Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Thomas Edison - A Journey of Illumination

How many...?

Head teachers does it take to change a light-bulb?

A Director of Schools, to write a report on long-term light-bulb strategy; an Executive Head-Teacher to make a speech about the importance of valuing light-bulbs; and a Head-Teacher to tell one of the twenty deputy head-teachers to tell the year-head to tell the deputy-year-head to tell the caretaker to change the light-bulb.

School counsellors does it take to change a light-bulb?

The light-bulb needs to know that we value it just as much whether it's lighting up or not.

Aish Rabbis does it take to change a light-bulb?

Four - one to do the food, one to sing a stirring song, one to get you to sign up for a four-week tour of Israeli light-bulbs and one to change the light bulb.

Foundation Governors to change a light-bulb?

The whole point of the Foundation Governors is to see that nothing changes.

Parent Governors to change a light-bulb?

Unhappily, the right committee doesn't meet for another four months.

Dr Finkelsteins does it take to change a light-bulb?

He knew the light-bulb's grandfather when it was in Year 7, 37 years ago and that one didn't work either.

Mr Tuttys does it take to change a light-bulb?

Who do you think broke it in the first place?

How many...?

KBY - Rav Silvers does it take to change a light-bulb? *The obvious answer: it's a machlokes. I found at least 6 opinions in Rishonim.*

KBY - Rav Blachmans does it take to change a light-bulb? *Rav Blachman says there's no such thing as a light-bulb.*

Maale Adumim boys does it take to change a light-bulb? *Ma ata rotze mimeni? Ani mesachek Kadur Sa! Tipeshe.*

Gush boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

On average, 2.7 can do it.

Shalavim boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

Shalavim? Since when does anyone go to Shalavim?

Hakotel boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

None are available; they've gone to reclaim the Arab Quarter.

Netiv boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

Don't know, but we'll do it better than they do at Hakotel.

Beis boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

31 - 1 to change it, the other 30 to dance and sing "the light-bulb Niggun."

ToMo boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

He's using science! Apikores!

Medrash boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

Only one, but he needs at least 6 years here to train for it.

Gateshead boys does it take to change a light-bulb?

Ah, gevaldike kashia! Fregt Rebbe a shaila.

With thanks to Yisroel Greenberg.

Riddle for the Week

Why aren't chickens ever satisfied with the side of the road they are on?

Answer To Last Week's Riddle:

Thought of the Week - The Connection Between Purim, the Menorah, and Tzitzit.

For the purposes of this article I have done extensive research into each of the three above subjects. The main theme of Purim seems to be one of eating Hamentaschen and drinking. (Water and other such soft drinks are not included. Rather one ought to drink, whine, and leave. Sorry, I mean drink Wine.)

The point of the Menorah was to have light.

Tzitzit are designed primarily to get trapped in car doors and folding chairs.

Therefore, we conclude that there is neither link nor common theme and this whole article is a bit of a waste of space.