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# SHABBOS MENU



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## NOT THE KIND OF GUY WE WANT

*Your coworker has a bad attitude, and your boss wants to know what you know. Your job might even be on the line! May you give the information to save your position?*

T H E

### DILEMMA

**Y**ou and Yitzy have worked together for nearly a decade as salesmen for a medical equipment company. While you are still enthusiastic about your job, Yitzy is burned out. On a recent trip to an industry Expo, he told Joe, a salesman from another company, "I've got one foot out the door." Joe told you, and many other people, about Yitzy's plans to quit. Through the industry grapevine, your boss, Mr. Morris, also found out about Yitzy's plans. "You spent plenty of time with Yitzy at the trade show," Mr. Morris says to you one day. "Something is going on with him and I'm pretty sure you would know what it is."

"All I can tell you is that I was at the show, working hard," you reply, hoping to avoid reporting on your co-worker. However, Mr. Morris isn't satisfied. He mentions the fact that there are many new, young, enthusiastic salesmen available to replace two burned-out employees. What are you allowed to say?



T H E

### HALACHAH

**E**ven to save your job, you are not permitted to speak *rechilus* except under certain specific conditions. This is because a person is obligated to sacrifice all his money to avoid transgressing a negative commandment.

Sefer  
Chofetz Chaim,  
Hilchos  
Rechilus 1:6

## PARTICIPANTS SPEAK

*Thank you for your  
weekly chizuk.*

Ariel Asa

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"Train yourself to

*accept*

suffering  
and be forgiving when you  
are disgraced, and this will  
make the  
attribute of

*guarding*  
your tongue  
easy."

- Avos DeRabbi Nossan (41:11),  
quoted in Shmiras HaLoshon /  
Shaar HaTevunah ch. 7

Reviewed by Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Lowy. For discussion only; actual halachic decisions should be made by a *rav* or halachic expert on a case-by-case basis.

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# WORTH A MIRACLE

**W**hen Rav Yitzchak Yaakov Weiss (the *Minchas Yitzchak*) was a young man, a *shadchan* suggested a match for him. In those days, the *chassan's* family would investigate the suggestion—often a girl who lived far away—and give an answer even before the couple would meet. The Weiss family agreed to the *shidduch* and a few months later, they traveled to the girl's hometown for the *tenaim*.

When they met the *kallah*, they realized that the *shadchan* had failed to disclose a physical issue that was quite obvious. Mrs. Weiss told her son, "*Halachah* allows you to break the *shidduch* if we were tricked. You have so much potential. There's no need for you to go through with this."

The young *chassan* didn't see the situation as his mother did. "We might have the right according to *halachah* to break the *shidduch*," he said. "But do we have the right to humiliate this girl? I will marry her."

And he did. They had one child, Rav Berish Weiss. When World War II broke out and Rav Yaakov and his family were confined to a ghetto, the deprivation sapped the Rebbetzin of her strength. She passed away, and after the war, Rav Yaakov remarried. Many years later, his second wife died as well, and he remarried once more.

However, he never had another child. In fact, doctors confirmed that he was unable to have children. Rav Berish had been a true miracle. "I believe that because I was so careful with the feelings of my *kallah*, the *Ribbono shel Olam* made a miracle for us to have a child."



"*Banim atem l'Hashem*," the Torah tells us. We are Hashem's children. And no gift is too great for Him to grant us when we lavish love and honor on our brothers and sisters.

Heard from Rabbi Avrohom Yeshaya Moskovitz at the CCHF 2016 convention

## TALK ABOUT IT

What might you do differently if you could always keep in mind that Hashem loves all His children?

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י אלול תשע"ז  
ת.נ.צ.ב.ה.

## sage advice

# HOW TO DEFINE SUCCESS

*Ephraim sat at the annual Bikur Cholim dinner, listening to speaker after speaker heap praise on Aaron Nussbaum, his neighbor and the evening's honoree.*

"Aaron never says no." "Aaron is a visionary." "He's not just a businessman but a talmid chacham."

*Ephraim knew Aaron. He was a nice guy and did a lot for Bikur Cholim. But if the speakers wanted to be honest, they'd say, "Aaron is a gazillionaire who paid for three new handicapped vans and has connections with everyone we need to know."*

"If I had Aaron Nussbaum's bank account, I'd be Mr. Baal Tzedakah," said Ephraim's inner voice, with a dash of irony and a heaping spoonful of bitterness.

When people aspire to levels of *tzedakah* or Torah learning that are beyond their ability, they can become bitter. They wonder why Hashem has not given them the means to fulfill their intentions, which are, after all, *l'shem Shamayim*.

However, a person who truly wants to serve Hashem sees the situation differently. Rav Uri Mandelbaum zt"l, *menahel* of the Yeshiva of Philadelphia for many years, taught the world this lesson. All his life he and his wife were busy day and night with *hachmasas orchim* and *chesed*. They had a non-stop flow of guests in their home. Some stayed for months! They gave comfort and support to countless families who came to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [CHOP] for treatment. All the while, Rav Uri gave his *talmidim* love and guidance.

Then he became ill. He was too weak to carry on his *chesed* activities. One day his son asked him if he was saddened by his inability to reach out to others as he had done all his life. "Why would I feel bad?" he asked. "For many years, Hashem wanted me to serve Him with *chesed*. Now He wants me to serve Him in a different way."

Rav Uri showed us that inner peace comes not from achieving our own goals, but from playing whatever role Hashem assigns us to the best of our ability.

From a Live Life Better video presentation by Mr. Michael Rothschild

## TALK ABOUT IT

How can Ephraim become a *baal tzedakah* even without Aaron's wealth?



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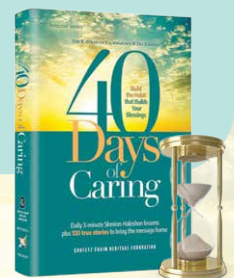
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