

# תשפ"ד · Bnos 5784

## Parshas

Mishpatim

אחינו כל בית ישראל הנתונים בצרה ובשביה העומדים בין בים ובין ביבשה המקום ירחם עליהם ויציאם מצרה לרוחה ומאפלה לאורה ומשעבוד לגאלה השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב ונאמר אמן:



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# Story Bruchim Tiheyu!

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Kovno, where R' Yitzchok Elchonon was Rav, was under Russian rule. By law all young men were obliged to enlist in the army. Not only did army service involve the ever present threat of loss of life, but to maintain religious observance in the army was almost impossible. Many yeshiva boys therefore applied for exemption from army service.

One such applicant was a young student, Yaakov, who was much beloved by his Rebbi, R' Yitzchok Elchonon. Each day the Rebbi and Yaakov's friends waited impatiently to hear news of his army status. One afternoon, R' Yitzchok Elchonon was engrossed in a din Torah. With him on the bais din was R' Elya Boruch Kamai. The two litigants involved were wealthy businessmen who were arguing bitterly over a huge sum of money. The atmosphere was tense. Neither side was willing to compromise, and for hours R' Yitzchok Elchonon, R' Kamai, and a third Rav tried to resolve the controversy.

Suddenly, the door opened and a young man stuck his head into the room. When he saw R' Yitzchok Elchonon he excitedly addressed him, 'Rebbi, we just got the news, Yaakov is exempt!' R' Yitzchok Elchonon breathed a sigh of relief and said with a radiant smile, "May Hashem bless you for bringing this wonderful news. Thank you so much for telling me! May you have long years and good health. Thank you ever so much!" The boy left smiling, glad that he had made his Rebbi so happy.

The rabbis resumed deliberations in an attempt to resolve the din Torah.

A few minutes later another student opened the door. Not knowing that his Rebbi already knew the news, he first apologized for interrupting and then announced with joy, "Rebbi, we've gotten word that Yaakov is exempt!"

"Oh," replied R' Yitzchok Elchonon with just as much enthusiasm as he had the first time. "How wonderful! Thank you so much for coming to tell me. May Hashem bless you with years and good health. Thank you, thank you!" The boy closed the door and left, beaming with joy that he had made his Rebbi so happy.

Five minutes later, yet a third boy entered the room. "Rebbi, did you hear? Yaakov is exempt!"

Once again R' Yitzchok Elchonon smiled broadly and blessed the boy for the wonderful news. He thanked him profusely for thinking of him and sharing the good news with him.

Six times, different boys came in with the same news, each one anticipating the happiness their Rebbi would feel at the news, each one not aware that others had preceded him. R' Yitzchok Elchonon smiled at each boy, expressed his gratitude and made him feel as important as the first one.

In retelling this incident, R' Elya Boruch would sigh, "Where can we find another with such Ahavas Yisroel?"

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# Parsha Quiz

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**See how much  
you know!**

1. Does Hashem want one to sell himself as an eved?
2. How does one become an eved?
3. When is he freed?
4. What is done to him if he doesn't want to be freed?
5. Until when does he remain a servant?
6. What does one do if he kills unintentionally?
7. If the intentional murderer is doing the Avodah, what is done?
8. Does one have to kill his father or mother to be given a death penalty?
9. What is the punishment for kidnapping?
10. What are the two requirements before court decides to punish with a death penalty?
11. What are the five things one is required to pay if he injures someone?
12. What does "Ayin tachas Ayin" - "eye for an eye" mean?
13. Why is a non-Jewish servant - eved cana'ani- freed?
14. May one speak lashon hara if it's true?
15. Who compiled a special Sefer about lashon hara?
16. When doesn't the majority rule?
17. What is the seventh year of every group of seven years called?
18. During Shemittah, to whom does the owner leave crops which grow by themselves?
19. What are the Shalosh Regalim?
20. Translate Bikurim.
21. Who wrote the Torah?
22. Who told him what to write?

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# Recipe

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## 4-Ingredient Cookie Bowls

### Ingredients:

1 box Kinneret Cookie Dough

Gefen Coconut Oil Spray

whipped cream

1 bag Glicks Connettos

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Flip a muffin pan upside down and spray generously with Gefen Coconut Oil.
2. Roll two balls of cookie dough together and mold onto the bottom of one muffin tray cup. Repeat.
3. Bake for 15 minutes or until cookie bowls are golden brown. Wait until the muffin tray is cooled to remove the cookie bowls.
4. Fill the bowls with your favorite ice cream or gooey brownies and top with whipped cream and Connettos, for a sweet and easy winter treat.

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# Middah of the Week

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Ahavas Yisroel

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