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WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT MY REBBI?

Your rabbi or rebbi decides a matter one way, and another rabbi decides it the other way. May you, out of dedication to your rabbi and his authority, speak against the opposing rabbi?

THE DILEMMA

Rabbi A., head of your son's yeshiva, believes the boys should learn to translate the *Chumash* into Yiddish as well as English. A new yeshiva opens up headed by Rabbi B., who believes in bypassing Yiddish, going straight into English. Parents in your school begin clamoring for Rabbi A. to follow suit. You are furious at their audacity in challenging the principal, who is highly respected and experienced. Rabbi B., on the other hand, already has one failed school on his record. May you discredit him in your effort to support your principal?



THE HALACHAH

You may not do so. Getting involved in the disputes that arise between Torah scholars leads only to *loshon hora* and *machlokes*. One of the most dangerous delusions people have is that they are fighting for a Torah ideal, when in fact they are fighting for ego and pride. Scholars can differ without personal animosity, yet those who carry their banners often turn constructive difference into destructive battles.

Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Pesichah, Lavin #12

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.

PARTICIPANTS SPEAK

We print out the Shabbos Menu every week – really nice. I think it's a really good program. Every week we pick someone else to do it as a zechus for. It's so nice for the children to see and be part of this.

Monsey, NY

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 COMMENTS, EMAIL**
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 are a
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 sweet to
 the soul and
healing
 to the body."

– Mishlei 16:24

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Bina and her walking partner were striding along the Brooklyn streets, maintaining their pace as Bina told her story. Already a grandmother of nearly 100, her energy was as bright as a smile.

“Back then, I had three kids and the oldest was four. My husband worked day and night to make a living, and we had no luxuries whatsoever.

“My one bit of relief came on Friday when my brother, who’s 10 years younger than me, would come over and take the two oldest kids out for a while. Then I had my chance to get things done.

“The only problem was, I sent him off with my double and I had no other stroller to take my baby in if I wanted to do some errands. We simply couldn’t afford another carriage at the time.

“Finally, I was able to buy a single stroller. I was able to

CARRIAGE OF KINDNESS

get all my Friday errands done with time to spare. It was like liberation day!

“Then one day, I took my baby into a clothing store. I folded up the stroller and tucked it under a rack so as not to block the aisles. I carried my baby around and looked at the clothes, and when I was done, I went back to get the stroller. It was gone! I stood there and my eyes filled with tears.

“Someone said she had noticed a suspicious-looking woman come in with a child and leave with the child in a stroller. She must have helped herself to mine.

“Just then, a woman came over to me and said, ‘I overheard what happened. I have a stroller sitting unused in my house. It’s in great condition and I don’t need it. Why don’t you come with me and take it?’

“I was mortified. It must have been written all over my face – and probably my clothes, my purse and my shoes too – that I didn’t have a penny to my name. I gathered up my false pride and said, ‘That’s not necessary. I’ll just buy a new one.’

“‘Don’t be silly!’ she replied. ‘Please, take it. It will be a favor to me.’

“Well, I wasn’t having it. I wasn’t taking charity. I thanked her and carried my baby home.

“The next morning, I opened my front door and there stood a beautiful stroller. The woman must have followed me home, gone back to her own house and made another trip

sage advice

DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

Why is one who encourages a poor person* considered so much greater than one who actually gives money to a poor person? *And outlook plant in your children the belief that people are basically good.*

Rabbi Yisroel Yaakov Lubchansky zt"l explained that time is the most precious commodity we possess in the world. Time contains potential and opportunity for anything we want and hope to accomplish.

Someone who is willing to give of his precious time to lend an ear, and to give his attention *and heart to another has given away his most precious commodity. That is the highest level of charity.*

***Bava Basra 9b**
a place where gossip and hurtful speech feels safe. They know your respect for



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to deliver the stroller to me. I couldn’t believe the kindness, the tact, the caring of this woman!

“And of course, the stroller was a *workplace, and good mazel* **yeshuah**. This woman had given me back my precious little bit of *menuchas hanefesh*.”

Bina’s walking partner asked, “Did you ever have a chance to thank the woman?”

“Unbelievably, I did. It was 14 years later, but I had never forgotten her face. One day, I was in a store; and I looked up at a customer who was standing near me and I recognized her instantly. I blurted out, ‘It’s you!’ When I explained who I was, she remembered the incident as well. But I don’t think there’s any way I could ever really thank her.

“I try to pay it forward by taking care of my brother’s little kids when he and his wife need a break. I know what it means to have someone step in and make your life easier, just when you need it most.”

TALK ABOUT IT

What made this woman’s act of *chesed* so perfect and so memorable?

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