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Talit for Sick Person

Q: If a person is sick and does not have the strength to stand, can he put on his Talit while seated?

A: The blessing over the Tzitzit, as with all blessings over Mitzvot, including wrapping oneself in the Talit, should be done while standing. Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim Chapter 1. But after the fact, one fulfills his obligation while seated. Mishnah Berurah #8. And for a sick person, it is permissible from the outset.

Treatment by a Female Nurse

Q: Is it permissible for a man to receive a shot by a female nurse?

A: Yes, just as it is permissible to go to a female doctor. But it is preferable to go to a male nurse and a male doctor (And once when a male nurse was not found, a female nurse gave a shot to the Chazon Ish. Orchot Rabbenu Vol. 1, p. 255. And similarly, Ha-Rav Avigdor Neventzal said that it is permissible to donate blood when a female nurse is taking the blood, but it is obviously preferable to have a male nurse. Mishnah Berurah with Rav Neventzal's comments "Be-Yitzchak Yikarei" end of Volume 6, p. 5).

Red Baby Stroller

Q: Someone told me that using a red baby stroller will cause my baby to have a bad temper. Is this true?

A: Stupidity.

Ketubah

Q: Where should one keep the Ketubah?

A: It belongs to the wife. There are three Minhagim: 1. The wife keeps it. 2. It is kept in the couple's house. 3. It is hung on their wall (see Shut Igrot Moshe 3:26).

Act of Roi Klein ztz"l

Q: I was drafted into Tzahal and I constantly think of Roi Klein ztz"l, who jumped on a hand grenade in order to save his fellow soldiers. If I am in the same situation, am I obligated to do so too?

A: He was not obligated to do so, but he displayed self-sacrifice, great self-sacrifice, and he is a supreme Tzadik (see Le-Netivot Yisrael Volume 1 p. 157).

Big Bang Theory

Q: Does the big bang theory contradict the story of Creation?

A: No. The story of Creation is not literal but a supreme secret. Mishnah Chagigah Chapter 2.

Nature Reserve

Q: I entered a nature reserve through a broken fence during a time when it was not open. What should I do?

A: Pay immediately.

Amulets

Q: Is it worthwhile for me to take an Amulet in order to succeed in Torah learning?

A: One succeeds in Torah learning by toiling in Torah and one does not need an Amulet. The Chida in the name of Rabbi Chaim Vital, student of the Arizal, warned that one should distance himself from such things. This is also written in Sefer Chasidim (Chida in Zerao Yemin Petach Anayim 1:13. Sefer Chasidim #204-205. Makor Chesed ibid. and at the end p. 586. Ner Be-Ishon Laila pp. 286, 289. And when Ha-Rav Chaim Kanievski was asked this question, he responded: "Do not take Amulets". Segulot Raboteinu p. 286).

Bubbles in Coffee

Q: Do bubbles in coffee indicate that someone will win money?

A: Nonsense.

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