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Attacks against Charedim

Q: How is it that there have been attacks from all sides recently against the Charedim? It's terrible!

A: There is a whole well-thought out and well-funded campaign to delegitimize the Charedim and the Rabbinat. But don't worry, the Torah is eternal.

New Book about Ha-Rav Elyashiv

Q: Is it permissible to read books about Ha-Rav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, or is it forbidden since they often contain disparaging remarks against Ha-Rav Shlomo Goren?

A: It is permissible to read them, but you should skip over those sections (Regarding shaming Torah scholars in general, see Ma'amrei Ha-Re'eiyah p. 56).

Netilat Yadayim in the Morning

Q: What is the halachah if I wash Netilat Yadayim in the morning in a kitchen sink full of dishes?

A: You should not do so from the outset. After the fact, wash all of the dishes three times. Piskei Teshuvot 4:14.

Wedding in a Shul

Q: Is it permissible to have the Chuppah in a Shul?

A: Sefardim – yes. Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 391:3. Shut Yabia Omer Vol. 3 Even Ha-Ezer #10. Ashkenazim – no, unless there is no other choice. Shut Igrot Moshe Even Ha-Ezer

1:93 (Regarding Sefardim, the Sefardic Chief Rabbi, Ha-Rav Yitzchak Yosef, writes that a Torah scholar testified that Ha-Rav Elazar Man Shach was once invited to perform the wedding of one of his students, who was Sefardic. When he saw that the Chuppah was set up outside, he asked that it be brought back into the wedding hall, in order not to disrespect the Sefardic Minhag, which was not to have the Chuppah outside. Ain Yitzchak Volume 3, p. 357. And regarding Ashkenazim, Ha-Rav Moshe Stern, author of Shut Beer Moshe, was once invited to perform a wedding. He arrived at the wedding and when he saw that it was in a Shul, he refused to perform it. Many complained against him. He went to ask the Satmar Rebbe if he acted correctly, and the Satmarer fully concurred. Shut Beer Moshe 5:167. However, Ha-Rav Yosef Soloveitchik once came to a wedding and when he saw that it was in a Shul, he sighed and said that if he had known he would have avoided attending. He explained that it is not proper to have a Chuppah in a Shul, since the holiness of the Shul is reserved for learning Torah and Davening, and not other activities, even Mitzvot. Nefesh Ha-Rav, p. 257).

Ramchal

Q: Why is the Ramchal famous for his book Mesilat Yesharim and not for all of his other amazing books?

A: The other books are truly amazing, but it is possible that he was essentially sent to this world for Mesilat Yesharim.

Tzitzit during Ball Game

Q: Is it permissible to take off Tzitzit while playing a ball game since the Tzitzit might tear?

A: No. Rather tuck the Tzitzit in your pants (And so too Shut Az Nedberu 2:55).

Rabbi's Picture

Q: I am a girl. Is it permissible for me to hang up a picture of a great Rabbi in my room?

A: Yes.

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