

דבר תורה

"את הברכה אשר תשמעו"

"The blessing: That you hearken."

QUESTION: Rashi writes "Al menat asher tishme'u" – "on condition that you shall hearken." What insight does Rashi add with this comment?

ANSWER: Before entering Eretz Yisrael, the tribes of Reuven and Gad asked for the land on the eastern side of the Jordan River. Moshe made their request conditional on their participation in the war to conquer the land of Canaan – Eretz Yisrael. In the Gemara our sages established guidelines regarding the making of a "tenai" – condition – based on Moshe's negotiation with the tribes of Reuven and Gad. One of the rules of a "tenai" is that "tenai kodem lema'aseh" – "the terms of the condition precede the action to be accomplished." Thus, if one wants to marry a woman on a condition, he should say, "If you give me x amount of money, you are married to me with this coin I am giving you now." (In order for the marriage to become effective the woman must fulfill the condition, namely to give the man x amount of money.) However if he says, "You are married to me with this coin if you give me x amount of money," she becomes married and the condition is ineffective (see Rambam).

In the dialogue between Hashem and the Jewish people, the berachah – blessing – is the ma'aseh – action to be fulfilled – and the hearkening is the condition. If so, should not Hashem have said the reverse, "If you shall hearken, you will receive the blessing"? The statement would then be similar to statements in other parts of the Torah such as, "If you will observe My decrees (condition), I will provide your rains in their time (action)" (Vayikra Or, "If you are willing and obey (condition), you will eat the goodness of the land (action)")

JOKES



What do you call fake spaghetti?
An impasta!

What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear!

Why did the computer go to therapy?
Because it had too many bytes!

RIDDLES:



What has keys but can't open locks?
Answer: A piano!

I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
Answer: A candle!

What has hands but can't clap?
Answer: A clock!

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
Answer: A stamp!

NO COMIC THIS WEEK

SORRY

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אחרון and רפאל בן שלום



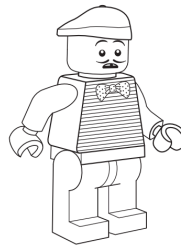
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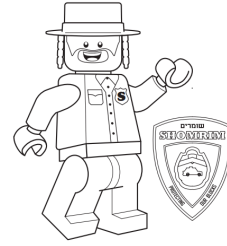
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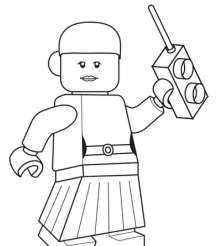
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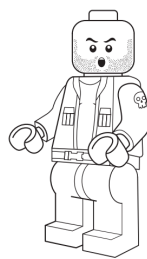
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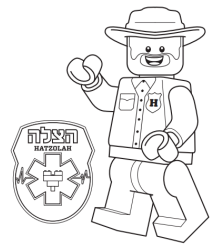
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RIDDLES AND JOKES ABOUT SCHOOL

Why did the student eat his homework?
Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

What did the pencil say to the paper?
"I dot my i's on you!"

What did the student say when the teacher asked him to write a sentence with the word "definitely"?
"I definitely don't know how to spell it!"

Why did the kid bring a ladder to school?
Because he wanted to go to high school!

Why was the broom late to school?
Because it swept in!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
Because her students were so bright!

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