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RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

Seit seiner Erschaffung vor tausenden von Jahren ringt und sehnt sich der Menschnach Wissen und bemueht sich, das Unerforschte zu ergruenden. Von der Entladung des unsichtbaren Atoms, von der Bekaempfung der mikroskopischen Bakterie bis zum Erklimmen des hoechsten Berges auf Erden, auf allen Gebieten der Wissenschaft strebt er und ist unersaettlich wissensdurstig.

Und gar in diesen Tagen, da gelang es der Menschheit, die Grenzen der Erde zu ueberschreiten und ins unbegrenzte Welt-

all einzudringen.

Fremde, unerwartete Himmelskoerper werden schon wiederholt sichtbar. Kuenstliche Monde sinds zwar, die aber doch geheimnisvoll sofort, fast im Moment ihrer Entstehung, in festgesetzten Bahnen sich fortbewegen.

Nein, nichts Neues wird von uns geschaffen, alles was aus Menschenhand entsteht, hat sich den Gesetzen der Natur zu unterwerfen, Gesetze die schon laengst vom Schoepfer der Welt gegeben wurden. Wohl ist es uns gestattet, das Unsrige zu versuchen und weiter zu wirken, aber in Wirklichkeit stehen wir ohne Einfluss und machtlos vor dem Werke G'ttes.

Bewundernswert akkurat koennen die Kreisungen dieser kuenstlichen Himmelskoerper schon im Voraus berechnet werden. Auch die Bahnen der "natuerlichen" Himmelskoerper, Sonne, Mond, Planete und Sterne, wurden schon im Altertum erfolgreich verzeichnet. Und auch die der weniger regelmaessigen Komete sind bekannt. Der beruehmteste unter den Kometen, der Halley'sche Komet, wird schon mehr als 2,000 Jahre von den Astronomen verfolgt und beschrieben. Bekannt ist sein Erscheinen in den Jahren 684, 1066, 1456. Das letzte Mal kam er in 1910 und wird wieder in 1986 erwartet. Durchschnittlich ist er ca. alle 76 Jahre sichtbar.

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#### At the Toy Counter



Debby and Joey had gone shopping. They had a list of things to buy for their mothers but in addition, they each had some money of their own. With this, they could buy whatever they wanted. That of course made the

shopping trip much more exciting and they spent quite some time at the toy section of the store. There they examined carefully what the store had to offer and were a long time in choosing. Finally they made their selection and now they were on their way home.

"You know," Joey said, "it is remarkable what money can do. A few minutes ago these toys still belonged to nobody or at least they were the store owner's property and now, by having paid for them, they are ours!"

"That's right," Debby agreed, "but this is done all the time by millions of people. Without buying and selling we could hardly live."

"And without paying we couldn't get anything," Joey added.

"Oh, I woudn't say that," said Debby. "There are a number of things which we get free and they are very important and valuable. Air and water, the food which we grow ourselves, the clothing which we make ourselves. And what about the many, many things that are given to us as presents by parents, relatives and friends? We don't pay for all that!"

"Oh yes, we do!" Joey answered. "We must pay for everything, otherwise we have no right to use it. That is what we learned only recently in Hebrew School. Everything on earth belongs to G'd. It is true that G'd gives us permission to use it but only if we say a b'rocho, a blessing first. That is the payment that G'd asks and only then does it belong to us."

"Absolutely right, children," said Debby's father, who had overheard their conversation. "You see, there is in the Book of

Psalms, a sentence which tells us: 'To G'd belongs this earth and all its contents.' But there is another sentence which reads: 'The heaven is G'd's heaven but the earth He gave to mankind.'

"This looks like a contradiction, doesn't it, either the earth belongs to G'd or it was given to us! But our Sages explain: If we make use of the things on earth without G'd's permission, then it is like stealing from G'd, for really the earth belongs to G'd. But if we say the b'rocho, the blessing, before eating or drinking, then we have His permission and we may use it, for G'd has given it to us!"

#### Quiz

Who can name these books correctly?

- 1. Daily prayer book
- 2. Yomtov prayer book
- 3. Book with Shabbos Torah readings
- 4. Book for Seder nights
- 5. Book containing oral law discussions. Send in your answers to win a prize.

The last quiz must have been a very difficult one. Only three answers were received, (Edwin Gerstley, Steven Mayer, Melvin & Steven Meier) but all entries were not completely correct, so no prize was won this time.

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\*(In dieser Spalte erscheint die fruehste Zeit fuer Schacharis fuer die darauffolgende Woche.)

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III

The Prime Minister paled. He had been right then after all, the Czar had expected a new proposal. The other ministers were also stunned into silence. Again, the Minister of Interior was the first to regain his composure, he cleared his throat nervously and said:

"Your Majesty will bear in mind that it was not possible to work out such a complicated edict in so short a time. We assumed therefore to have acted in accordance with your Majesty's wishes to table the matter for the next meeting."

Seemingly calm but in a voice vibrating with barely controlled anger and fury the Czar asked:

"It this your personal opinion or are you speaking for everyone?"

"Indeed," several ministers answered simultaneously, "we could hardly be of different opinion. In such short time the drafting of a complete set of regulations could not have been accomplished."

Furiously the Czar rose from his chair. "Do you think you can play jokes on me? Did you not yourself declare that you can be ready in 12 hours? If you would have asked me now for an extension of the time, would I not have most certainly granted it? But you seem to have wasted the entire time. Be so kind at least and tell me what you have done until now!"

"After your Majesty has deemed it advisable to surrender our work to the flames 2 hours ago, we assumed it to be your Majesty's wish not to have us continue with the work."

"What are you saying?" the Czar thundered. "Did I hear you correctly or is this a game? You say I burned your papers shortly after 12? Did you say that? Do you know that you are in danger to be sent to an insane asylum or banished to Siberia?"

No words can describe the panic that reigned among the ministers. They were

totally at a loss to understand what went on. The Czar interpreted their confusion as additional proof of their insolence. He turned to the two aides-de-camp and said:

"I order you to arrest the ministers. They are bribed by the Jews. For 12 hours they sit here in order to work out an edict against the Jews and they haven't dipped their pens in ink. Instead they drink my champagne and now when I surprise them at it, they have the audacity to say that I was here two hours ago and burned their work. You, my aides-decamp know full well that I did not leave my private office since 10 o'clock."

Now the Minister of War stepped up to the Czar and said: "Mercy, your Majesty. Here is an unsolved mystery. I swear the most sacred oath and put my head to the scaffold if it isn't true that your Majesty was standing right here, at my side, exactly 2 hour ago, 20 minutes before 12 and cast our entire work into the flames. If your Majesty does not at the moment remember this episode, we beseech you to recall it to mind so that your Majesty will not send the most loyal servants of the Crown innocently into exile."

The Czar changed color in fury and exasperation. "And you all agree, gentlemen, with the words of the Minister of War?"

"Yes, your Majesty," came the reply.

"This is a conspiracy! Arrest these men at once and summon the palace guards to take them into custody!"

When the six bearded Cossacks entered the room, one of the aides-de-camp approached the Czar and whispered a few words to him. The Czar seemed satisfied. He went to the ministers who were standing around the table and said in a low voice so that the guards at the door could not hear him:

"You dare to claim that I was here before midnight. I know this to be false since I did not leave my office. No one can pass here without being challenged by the guard to give the wach-word. The guards must have seen me if I was here, ask them if you dare!"

#### THE CZAR AND HIS MINISTERS

The Prime Minister replied:

"As far as is humanly possible we are all ready to swear to that. If your Majesty nevertheless contradicts us, it would be wrong for us to question plain soldiers on that matter."

"Then I shall ask," said the Czar heatedly. "Ask the guard plainly and loudly so that I can proclaim these men as liars on the testimony of 6 blameless, unbribed witnesses!" the Czar ordered the aide-de-camp.

"Sergeant Petrovitch, step up! When did you begin your duty?"

"At 6 o'clock this evening."

"Did anyone ask for admission here?"

"No one besides his Majesty."

"Fool! That his Majesty entered 1 know!"

"But his Majesty was here for the first time tonight between 11:30 and 12 without your company."

"What are you saying? You recognized the Czar?"

"All of us recognized him, we presented arms, that his Majesty will surely verify."

The Czar paled. Sergeant Patrovich had told it so clearly and simply that the possibility of being part of the conspiracy was out of the question. For a few moments tense silence reigned. Finally the aide-decamp shouted at the sergeant:

"You are blabbering nonsense: I was on duty in his Majesty's anteroom since 9 and know that the Czar did not leave his room after 10."

"If you do not believe me," the sergeant answered, "you can ask the officer who has opened the door for the Czar."

"Who is on duty?"
"Major von Jurkevitch."

"Let him enter!" ordered the Czar.

The Czar paced the floor nervously. "This is a mystery," he said to himself. After 10 minutes the major entered. The Czar stepped behind a heavy drape in an alcove so that the major could not see him. The aide-de-camp understood that his Majesty wanted him to interrogate the officer.

"Did you see his Majesty tonight while you were on duty?"

"To be sure. I opened the door which led to the assembled ministers."

"At what time was that?"

"Between 11:30 and 12."
"Isn't it possible that you are mistaken?
I believe the visit of his Majesty at that

time to be impossible?"

"What are you saying," the major resentfull replied, "do you think I do not know his Majesty? Do you think someone posed as his Majesty? How could he have deceived me when I was required to ask his Majesty for the watch-word?"

"And the Czar knew the watch-word?"
"Why should the Czar not know that?"

Now the Czar could contain himself no longer. He stepped from behind the drape uncovered his head and said:

"At 10 o'clock I entered my room and worked until 11. From 11 until 1 I took a nap on my couch. But the Keeper of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. He sent you a phantom which deceived everyone and which cast into the fire the laws, aimed against His people. We shall bow to the will of divine destiny and recognize therein that G'd does not sanction the path that I wanted to tread, to destroy His people."

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Dr. Herman Blumenthal, chairman of the school committee, welcomed the gathering, Mrs. Alfred Meier, provisional P. A. president, delivered a talk on the aims and objects of the association, which was followed by a lively discussion. Right then and there, a number of congregational projects were taken over by the P. A., such as supervision of the two weekly recreation evenings, during Hebrew School sessions every afternoon and the bringing of the Release Hour children from their Public Schools to the Synagogue.

Rabbi Kahn presented to the parents an outline of our school curriculum and other youth activities. This too was followed by a discussion.

A P. A. administrative board was elected, consisting of Mrs. A. Meier (pres.), Mrs. A. Katz (sec'y), Mrs. M. Mayer (treas.), Mrs. H. Appel and Mrs. M. Hirschheimer.

The evening was concluded with the serving of refreshments and the presentation of the film "You and Your Parents".

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. . . dass unser diesjaehriger Bazaar am Schabb. Abend, 7. Dez. beginnen wird, wozu nochmals alle Mitglieder und Freunde aufgefordert werden, recht viele Waren zum Verkauf uns zur Verfuegung zu stellen . . .

. . . dass am vergangenen Simchas-Thora Rabbi Kahn mit Choson Thora und Dr. Samuel Kirsch mit Choson B'reischiss beehrt wurden . . .

. . . dass folgende Breakfasts fuer den Breakfast Club gestiftet wurden, wofuer sich der Club bedankt: Mr. & Mrs. Sally Schiff, Mrs. Frieda Wolff, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Katz, Mrs. Herta Kahn, Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Heimer . . .

. . . dass die erste Zusammenkunft der Parents-Association am 29. Okt. stattfand. Zu der naechsten Veranstaltung, ein "game-evening" am Dienstag, den 26. Nov. abend 8:15, sind alle Mitglieder und Freunde eingeladen . . .

. . . dass am 27. Okt. eine Trauer-Feier fuer den verstorbenen 1. Vice-President der Gemeinde, Harry Knurr, stattfand, wobei Rabbi Kahn und Pres. Moses die vorbildlichen Eigenschaften und Leistungen des Verstorbenen schilderten . . .

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