

THE BETH JACOB SHABBOS LEARNING PROJECT

Keeping It Better Together

Muktzeh Quiz 5: How to Move *Muktzeh*

*For discussion at the Shabbos meals. After Shabbos, go online and fill in the answers to be entered in a raffle to win our weekly prize. Last week's winners: **the Lindenblatt family!***

This week's prize: Shabbos meal from Toco Grill

These questions are based on the laws of Muktzeh that are summarized in our weekly podcast.

- 1) Yay! It's vacation time. Your family decides to head south to Florida to Vacationers Village. Unfortunately, you arrive a little too close to Shabbos and quickly unpack as best you can. This house has everything you wanted! The only problem is that it also has the neighbors, practically in your house. It's so close to the next house that you have to wear a mask when you walk by your own windows! You frantically search for your bag of face masks to allow you to move about your own luxurious vacation home. Finally, you spot the bag – but it's under a bottle of muktzeh sunscreen then you really hoped you would need. What can you do?
 - a) Just ask your overly convenient neighbors to reach over and take out the masks for you.
 - b) Shake off the sunscreen and take the masks.
 - c) Just take the masks you need. No need for fancy tricks.
 - d) Nothing to do but keep your windows closed and don't go outside in the back.

- 2) Upon further inspection (because you just can't help it), you notice that your neighbors appear to be Shomer Shabbos. Look – they have a Shabbos table set beautifully! Who is that? Then you hear the unmistakable voice of the most famous of SLP characters. Yes. It's Joe Northerner. "Good Shabbos, Reb Joe! How are you? What are you doing here? I thought you can't take the heat in Atlanta, let alone Florida!" Joe replies: "I realize I was complaining too much about the lack of winter in Atlanta, so I decided to go on vacation and chill out. But, tell me something – you call this thing outside a pool? Back up North I had a pool so big the Statue of Liberty could swim in it! Anyway, I got so thirsty being so tough and snobby all the time that I ended up drinking up the 'pool' with a straw. And I found a wad of cash on the bottom! I'm afraid someone is going to come and take it before Shabbos ends. What can I do?"
 - a) I think the SLP author needs a vacation. These scenarios get more ridiculous by the week.
 - b) Easy. He can just pick up the cash with his teeth and put it inside!
 - c) He should just leave it and he will be rewarded.
 - d) He can pick it up with the pool-skimmer, unless he decided to eat that for lunch.

- 3) Well there is good news and bad news. The good news is that it is 6:15am on Shabbos morning and the kids let you sleep “late”! The bad news is that they set the Shabbos table...with sunscreen. Yes – there is the sunscreen Challah board, and the sunscreen place-settings and, of course, the sun-screen benchers piled-high. What a mess. But what can you do now? Isn’t sunscreen *muktzeh*?
- a) Yup! Maybe Joe will let you use his empty pool as your new dining room.
 - b) Try to find a snow shovel to clean it up. That way you’re not touching it directly. After all, Joe always says it snows more in Florida than wimpy Atlanta.
 - c) Tilt the table so all the sunscreen slides off. Then, you can cover it with a tablecloth and hope it doesn’t slip off.
 - d) Easier said than done, but just clean up normally.
- 4) The next Friday, you had a little bit too much fun joy-riding on your rented golf-cart. As you pull up to your rental house you show off your daring golf-carting skills and pull up an inch away from ramming through the front door! Nice! But...what’s this? The reverse gear is not working. Maybe you drove it too hard in the Vacationers Village golf-cart Olympics? But it’s really not working. And the front door opens out and now there is not enough room for the door to swing open. You see the candles being lit inside. Uh oh. It’s Shabbos any minute. Fortunately, you remember that the management company leaves an emergency back door key hidden in the back. Unfortunately, it’s under a pile of stones. Shabbos has started. What can you do?
- a) Stones are muktzeh. Your key is trapped. Don’t be such a show-off next time.
 - b) Kick the stones aside and pick up the key. Your Shabbos is saved!
 - c) Are you sure this is your house? They really all look the same. Maybe you can convince Joe that it’s his house and he’ll just pick up the golf cart on his way in.
 - d) Push the stones aside with a pool noodle. Those things are so useful!
- 5) Look who else is here at Vacationers Village – it’s Mazal Chayimtovim! Is there anyone from the neighborhood who ISN’T here? Mazal is coming over to borrow your **Shabbat** Learning Project quiz (that’s how it’s REALLY pronounced). You are happy to lend it, but it’s buried under a whole suitcase full of muktzeh that will surely be moved as you pull it out. What now?
- a) How are you reading this question if you didn’t take it out? Hmm...
 - b) Maybe Mazal knows Kabbalistic incantations that will cause the quiz to float out by itself.
 - c) Sorry, Mazal. You’re out of luck.
 - d) It is permissible to take it out because you are not moving the muktzeh directly.

Submit your answers at www.bethjacobatlanta.org/slp, or click the link on our home page.
Answers received by Monday at noon will be entered into the raffle drawing.