

Shabbos Learning Project

Keeping It Better Together

Week 2: Laundering (II)

For discussion at the Shabbos meals. Answer key with brief explanations will be printed next week. After Shabbos, go online and fill in the answers to be entered in a weekly raffle. Congratulations to last weeks' winners: The Linder family!

This week's prize: Shabbos meal for 6 from Avenue K!

These questions are based upon an overview presented in our weekly podcast.

1. It's dark and stormy on a Shabbos morning, so you decide to get a little extra sleep. Fortunately, there is now a 9:45am Minyan in the Daily Shul with a great *drasha* at the end. You get suited up in boots and a strange looking frum coat with an oversized hood. As you get to the light at Lavista, a huge truck comes barreling down, crashing into a huge puddle which lands, it seems, exclusively on you. Your large hood does a great job at protecting your head and your head gear – but your boots are now totally filled with rainwater. The light changes and you are about to keep trudging on when you remember this week's Shabbos Learning Project topic. "If I take a step, I'll be wringing water out of my socks! Oy vey. What should I do?"
 - a. Don't say do cartwheels. It's beyond old at this point. It's just not funny anymore.
 - b. Take off your socks and boots. You can store them in your hood as you walk to shul. Just don't miss that *drasha*!
 - c. It's OK. Keep walking. The water will be instantly reabsorbed, so it's not considered wringing.
 - d. Ask your friends who just arrived at the corner to carry you. It'll be fun!

2. You are asked to do the dishes on Friday night after the *seudah*. Fortunately, when you arrive at the sink, you see that the weekday sponge was left in the sink. Yes! Claiming religious exemption, you excuse yourself from the task because you can't turn on the water, as it will effectively wash the sponge. Will your excuse work?
 - a. No. It's true you cannot squeeze the sponge, but just running the water over it isn't a problem.
 - b. Depends on how dirty the sponge is. If it's very dirty, then you win.
 - c. You can very gently move the sponge and continue with the dishes.
 - d. Not really. The sponge will render that sink unusable. But, unfortunately, you have other sinks.

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3. The youth group leader has to take a quick break, so he asks you to step in for a few minutes. “Sure”, you say nervously, unsure of what you got yourself into. As you walk into the youth davening room, you hear lively sounds of devoted davening. Wow! This is going to be great! And it IS great. Except that in their excitement, the boys somehow managed to access the Shul’s towel stash (don’t get any ideas, kids) and are all swaying with fervor in their new towel-tallessos. While you are moved by their davening, you are not as excited about the prospect of folding and returning each towel-tallis. Wait...is it even permitted to fold each towel and return it to its place?
- No, it is forbidden to fold clothing on Shabbos. The boys should put back the tallessos without folding them and come back after Shabbos to fold them neatly.
 - Since the towels are now a mitzva-item as they were used for davening, it is permitted to fold them.
 - There is no problem folding and replacing the towels.
 - They can be folded but not in the normal way. See if you can make an origami-style swan out of the towels.
4. The good news is that you remembered the dry cleaning for the first time in years! The bad news is that you left the clothing outside on the bench and it rained all Friday night. Are you allowed to hang up the clothes inside in hopes of saving another dry cleaning bill?
- Yes.
 - No. If the clothes are really soaked, you can’t even move them!
 - Sure, but you can’t hang the clothing in the laundry room. Only someplace strange, like from the chandelier. It will make for great conversation with your guests!
 - Only if it’s Shabbos clothing. If it’s weekday clothing, it must be left outside.

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.