

**Interactive Questions for Your Shabbos Table**



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# This Baby Acts like a Baby

**I'm six years old, and I love guessing the answer to the Aderaba questions my family does every Shabbos.** So, I hope you can help me with my question. We have a new baby, and he's very, very cute. The only thing is, he cries a lot! Can I tell my friends about it?

—Shlomo



## What's the Psak?

Do you know the halachah?

**A Yes—** that's what babies do!

**B No—** it's loshon hora about the baby.

**C No—** it's loshon hora about your parents.

**D Yes—** I'm allowed to share my feelings with others.

## It's Just What You'd Expect

**MAZEL TOV!**

**Loshon hora is when you give someone a bad impression of someone else.**<sup>1</sup> When you describe something that is normal and expected from someone because of his age or stage, it is not necessarily loshon hora.<sup>2</sup> Since all healthy babies cry, you're not giving anyone a bad impression of your baby.

This information is not likely to give a bad impression of your parents either, because no matter how much a mother and

father take care of their baby, the baby will sometimes cry. But if you told your friends that "my parents just leave him there crying," that would make them seem uncaring, and it is not allowed.<sup>3</sup>

**Answer:** The halachah is A.

Reviewed by **Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Lowy**

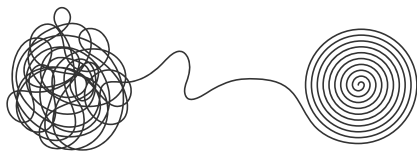
Rav Pam, zt"l, advised great caution when presenting halachic scenarios to the public, as each situation is unique. This *shailah* is for discussion only; actual halachic decisions should be made by a *rav* or halachic expert on a case-by-case basis.

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<sup>1</sup> Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hora 1:1 <sup>2</sup> Be'er Mayim Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hora 8:5 <sup>3</sup> Rav Nissan Karelitz, Chut Shani, Loshon Hora p.357



When someone repeated a story I'd heard ten times,



I listened like it was the first.

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“Someone who lives only for Torah.” It’s not a description that fits too many people, but it fit the humble, brilliant R’ Yaakov, a resident of Yerushalyim.

He wasn’t interested in recognition. But after many years of careful, methodical work, he finished a *sefer* on Talmud Yerushalmi and needed a *gadol’s* endorsement.

He decided to approach Rav Pinchos Menachem Alter, the rosh yeshivah of Yeshivas Sfas Emes who later became the Gerrer Rebbe, the P’nei

## What I Want to Remember About You

Menachem.

This was no easy task for quiet, introverted R’ Yaakov. But he went to the rosh yeshivah, waited his turn, and handed him his manuscript. R’ Yaakov watched the rosh yeshivah’s face as he read. Was he pleased? Yes! He said he would be honored to endorse this excellent *sefer*.

Soon after this high point, R’ Yaakov’s sister died. The *shivah* house was heavy with grief. One day, the rosh yeshivah came

to be *menachem avei*. He spoke a few gentle, comforting words to R’ Yaakov and left.

Years later, when the rosh yeshivah had become the Gerrer Rebbe, he married off a child. R’ Yaakov was shocked to find in his mailbox a personal wedding invitation. “Why me?” he wondered. He wasn’t even a Gerrer chassid!

At the wedding, he stood in line to wish the *Rebbe* mazal tov. When he got there, the *Rebbe* greeted him by name. R’ Yaakov just had to know—why did the *Rebbe* show such interest in him? So he asked.

“The last time I saw you,” the *Rebbe* explained, “you were in a time of sadness. I don’t like my last memory of a Jew to be in his time of sadness, so I invited you to the wedding. This way, when I think of you, I will picture you in a time of joy.”



Adapted from *Food for Thought*, an article in *Yated Ne’eman* by Yitzchok Hisiger

See the good What’s the Real Story?



Nachum\* stood at the coffee table in back of his shul before an array of coffee, tea, milk, and sugar. There were also some bottles of water and orange juice available. A bold-faced sign hanging on the wall asked those who helped themselves to the beverages to be a little cost-conscious.

“There are hot cups and cold cups,” it read. “The cold cups cost the shul a penny each. The hot cups cost four cents each. Please only use the hot cups for hot beverages.”

Along came Mordy. He noticed the sign and saw, with sharp disapproval, that Nachum was standing right there, facing the sign, sipping cold water from a hot cup. Really?

Mordy didn’t know Nachum, but in this big shul, with its

multitude of *minyanim*, that wasn’t unusual. Still, Mordy felt attached to the shul. He, unlike this other guy, cared enough not to waste the shul’s money.

## Can’t You Read?

“Excuse me,” Mordy said to Nachum. “You see that sign on the wall in front of you? I notice you’re drinking water from a hot cup. It’s really not right.”

\*Names have been changed.



Can you Crack the case?

“Listen,” said Nachum, “maybe it’s not what you think. Why don’t you try to think of some *zechus*—some logical reason I might be using this cup.”

Mordy thought. “I can’t think of one reason. There’s the sign. You see it. Here are the cups. You have a choice which to take. And there’s cold water in your hot cup. Open and shut.”

“So let me explain,” said Nachum. “I wanted some cold water before I take my coffee. Rather than waste a cup, I’m using the hot cup for both.”

Just because we can’t think of a good reason for someone’s actions, it doesn’t mean there isn’t one!

Heard from Rabbi Yechiel Milstein on a CCHF Live Life Better Netzor video



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