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Ha-Rav answers hundreds of text message questions a day. Here's a sample: My Wife is Tired

Q: If my wife is tired, is it permissible for me to Daven on my owe at home and watch the kids so she can sleep?

A: Yes.

Divine Providence

Q: Why isn't Divine Providence mentioned in the Rambam's 13 Principles of Faith?

A: It is included in the first principle: "I believe with perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His Name, is the Creator and guide of everything that has been created, He alone has made, makes and will make all things".

Choosing a Spouse

Q: After we got engaged, my mother went to a Kabbalist who said that we should break it off since the Gematria of the man's name must be higher than that of the woman's in order for a Shidduch to work out (which is not the case with us). Is this true?

A: No. It is a new invention. What one requires for a successful Shidduch is respect and love. And by the way, it is good that our Avot and Imahot didn't listen to such advice since Avraham=248 and Sarah=505, Yitzchak=208 and Rivkah=307 and Yaakov=182 and Rachel=238. If they had listened, none of them would have gotten married and there would not have been Am Yisrael! Only Leah (=36) is less than Yaakov, but she was not originally supposed to marry him. You should get married. Mazal Tov!

Curses on the Sidewalk

Q: There are curses sprayed on our sidewalk. Is it permissible to spray paint over them?

A: Turn to the local municipality or the local Rabbi. If this is not possible, then it is a Mitzvah to scribble them out.

Techelet on Tzitzit

Q: Should I put Techelet on my Talit? Others who learn in my Yeshiva wear Techelet...

Q: Gedolei Yisrael do not wear Techelet and the Minhag of Gedolei Yisrael is more important than the Minhag of your Yeshiva (Ha-Rav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv was once asked about a child who learned in a Yeshiva and asked if he should wear Techelet like all the other children there. He answered: Tell him that I do not go with

Techelet. They asked further: Even though the Minhag there is to go with Techelet? He answered: Even though. From the book 'Mi-Pi Ha-Ish' p. 329).

Cohain's Wife who is Pregnant in Cemetery

Q: Is it permissible for the wife of a Cohain who is pregnant to enter a cemetery?

A: Yes. Even if they know it is a boy, since he is not yet born. Mishnah Berurah 343:3. And see Kaf Ha-Chaim ibid. #74).

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