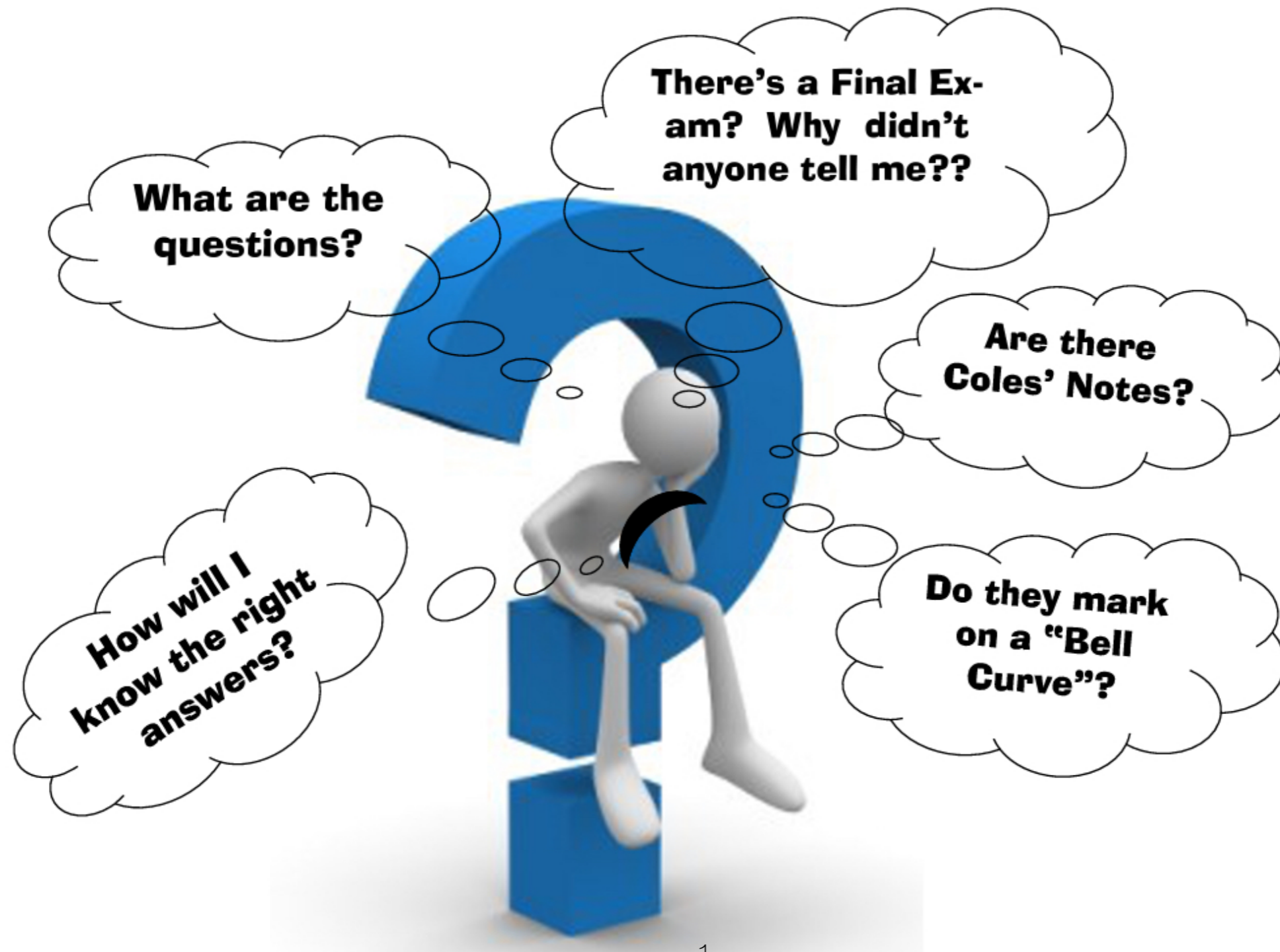


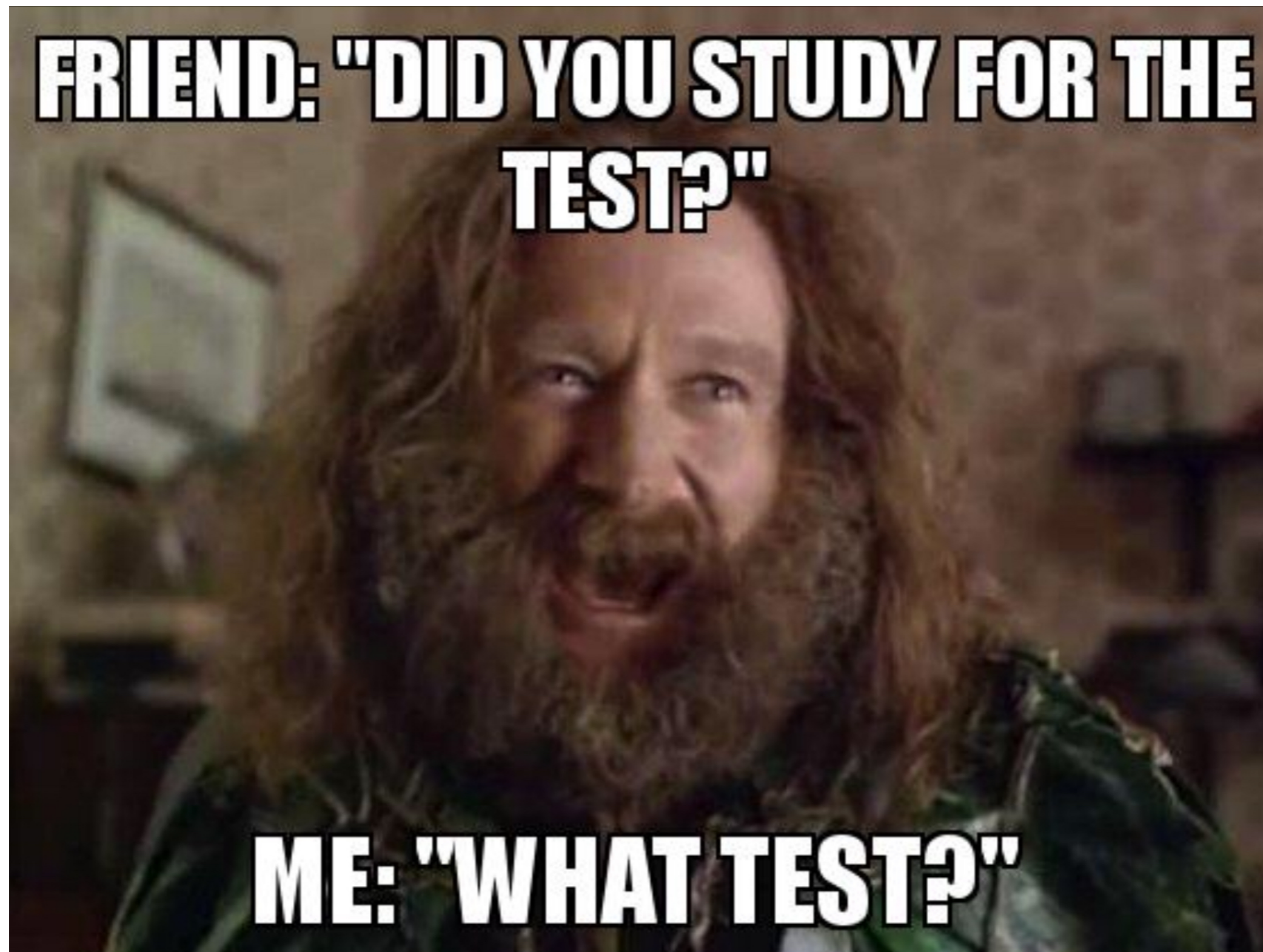
Are You Prepared For the Final Exam ?



Talmud Shabbos: "When they escort a person to his final heavenly Judgment after Death, the Heavenly Tribunal says to him....

1. Did you.....?
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9. Did you.....?
10. Did you.....?





**MY FACE WHEN MY
STUDENTS ASK**



**IF THIS IS GOING TO BE ON
THE TEST**

What if you are caught cheating ?



Get a copy of the Exam !



You're in Luck!!



There is a copy of the test !!

Did You.....?

- Keep the Shabbos ?
- Keep Kosher ?
- Pray to God ?
- Give Tzedakah ?
- Fast on Yom Kippur?

- Did You Speak Lotion
Hora ?
- Did You Behave Immorally ?
- Did You Worship Idols?
- Did You Hurt Anyone ?
- Did You say Foul
Language ?

Opening Question : Did You Study Torah ?

- **Talmud Sanhedrin 7a**: "The beginning of a person's judgment after he dies is that he is judged only concerning matters of Torah."
- **Rashi**: I.e. one will be judged first for not studying Torah.



What Is Included in the Question ?

**Teaching Torah
to Other People**



**Financially Support the
Learning of Torah**



Send Children to School



What Is Not Included in Question #1 ?

- Did you study secular knowledge ?
- Did you go to university ?
- Did you study the stock market ?
- Did you study the sports pages ?
- Did you study politics ?
- Did you study to be a professional ?
- Did you support the arts & sciences ?
- Did you drive your children to hockey or ballet?

Questions #1 & #2:

In Depth Understanding of Learning

- **Talmud Shabbos 31a:** When you learned Torah, did you....
- Delve in-depth into Chochma (the wisdom of the Torah) ?
- Understand one matter through another to attain greater understanding ?

How Does This Apply to Men ?

- Chumash -All 5 books !
- Rashi & commentaries
- Tanach - All 24 books
- Mishna - All 4,192 Mishnas
- Talmud - All 2,711 Double-sided pages
- Halacha - All 13,550 paragraphs
- Midrash, Kabbalah, etc. !!!!!!! And.....commentaries !!!!!!

How Does This Apply to Women ?

- **Talmud Berakhot 17a:** Rav said to Rabbi Ḥiyya: By what virtue do women merit to receive this reward? Rabbi Ḥiyya answered: They merit this reward for bringing their children to read the Torah in the synagogue, and for sending their husbands to study mishna in the study hall, and for waiting for their husbands until they return from the study hall.
- A woman who encourages her husband (or children) to learn Torah has a 100% share in all the torah that her husband learns.
- A woman who discourages her husband from learning Torah is signing away her share of her husband's Torah.
- If she does not discourage him - the mere fact that she cooks for him and helps him exist and study torah in the time that he has - that earns her a partnership in his Torah.
- A single woman – or anyone—who enables other people to learn Torah, for example, by donating money to a yeshiva or Bais Yakov – also receives great schar (reward), regardless of marital status.

Question #3: Did you engage in acts of loving kindness ?

- Give Charity
- Visit the Sick
- Comfort Mourners
- Bury the Dead
- Gladden a bride & groom
- Give of your time to help others in need.

Question #4: Did you conduct your business transactions faithfully ?

- **Talmud Beitza 16a:** A person's entire livelihood is allocated to him during the period from Rosh HaShana to Yom Kippur. During that time, as each individual is judged, it is decreed exactly how much money he will earn for all his expenditures of the coming year, except for expenditures for Shabbasos, and expenditures for Festivals, and expenditures for the school fees of his sons' Torah study.. ..if he reduced the amount he spends for these purposes, his income is reduced, and if he increased his expenditures in these areas, his income is increased...
- Includes everything in a man's dealing with his fellow man.
- Behaving properly in emotional matters
- How we behave with our spouses, neighbors, people in Shul, in the street, etc.

What is not asked ?

- How much money did you earn ?
- How much money did save in your RRSP ?
- Did you make it into the Fortune 500 club ?
- Did you make a career out of how you made money ?
- Did you position yourself successfully in building your career?
- Did you make sacrifices for your career ?
- Were you a clever business person ?
- Did you make all your deadlines at work ?

Question #5: Did you wait in hope for the messianic salvation ?

אֲנִי מְאֲמִין בְּאֵמוּנָה שְׁלֵמָה	Ani ma'amin b'emuna shelema
בְּבִיאת הַמָּשִׁיחַ	be'viat hamashiach,
וְאֵף עַל פִּי שִׁיתִּמְהֵמָה	Vi'af al pi sheyit'mame'ha
עִם כָּל זֶה אַחֲקֶה לוֹ	im kol zeh achakeh lo
בְּכָל יוֹם שֶׁיָּבֹא.	bechol yom sheyavo.

I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah;
and even though he may delay, I will await him every day.

What is the Mitzvah ?

- It is axiomatic in Judaism that a Jew must not only believe in Moshiach's coming but he or she must also yearn for and eagerly anticipate it.
- We must want, pray and even "demand" Moshiach's arrival.
- The Moshiach represents the ultimate success of Hashem's plans for mankind and the world.
- Living during the present exile represents the lack of that success.
- Shemoneh Esrei: "Speedily cause the offspring of David Your servant to flourish, and exalt his power with Your deliverance, for we hope for Your deliverance all day."
- "all day" is that the desire and hope for Moshiach should not just be a fleeting feeling but it must pervade our entire day.
- Chidah (the great 18th century Sephardic Sage) "the desire and hope for Redemption, in and of themselves, hasten its happening. "

Question #6: Did you set aside fixed times for Torah study?



How Do You Set Times ?

- You should not set aside times for Torah, but rather you should make it *keva* (permanent) the entire day.
- Rashi is not talking about a person who spends his entire day, or even most of it, learning. But in terms of this person's attitude, his desire, what he would do were he divested of other responsibilities - he makes Torah primary. He yearns for Torah; he has never given up on it; he has never set it aside. It is always, somehow, at least subliminally, part of his agenda.
- Do not "set aside" time for Torah, like you set aside time for tennis. Rather, make it a permanent, important factor around which your day revolves. How much you will actually be able to learn depends upon circumstances: where you are, what other responsibilities you have, etc. But in terms of your attitude, your commitment to Torah is rock-solid; it is the framework through which you view your life.



**Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki
RASHI (1040-1105)**

Question #7: Did you treat your fellow Jew royally ?



Jewish Royalty:

- **Shemos 19,6:** "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of princes and a holy nation."
- **Devarim 14,1:** "You are children unto your God."
- This implies a close and special relationship with God, it also implies a special bond within that family of children. If we are all children of the One God, we are also all brothers and sisters to each other.

Question #8: Did You engage in procreation ?

- How many children did you have ?
- How many children did you try to have ?
- Did you help childless couples have children ?
- Did you help less fortunate people find a partner?



**Question #9: Did you coronate your Maker
in the morning and in the evening ?**



What is the Mitzvah ?

Accepting the Yoke of Heaven

- The basic meaning of the first verse of Shema Yisrael combines two themes:
- 1) Hashem is our G-d – ***a declaration of accepting Hashem's sovereignty over us***
- 2) Hashem is one – ***a proclamation of His status as the exclusive power controlling the entire world.***
- Bear in mind the following basic meaning: Hear O Yisrael, Hashem is our G-d and we accept His kingdom, and He is the only G- d – up, down and in all four directions.
- Express your complete subservience to Hashem to the point of your willingness to give up your life for Hashem.
- You are willing to die and live in order to sanctify His name.

But Even so.....

- All this is only of limited consequence.....



Question #10: Fear of God

- if fear of G-d was this person's storehouse, then yes, his judgment is favorable.
- and if it was not, then no, his judgment is not favorable.

A Parable:

- A person who said to his emissary: Bring a kor of wheat up to the attic for me to store there.
- The messenger went and brought it up for him.
- He said to the emissary: Did you mix a kav of homton, a preservative to keep away worms, into it for me?
- He said to him: No.
- He said to him: If so, it would have been preferable had you not brought it up. Of what use is worm-infested wheat?
- Likewise, Torah and mitzvot without the fear of God are of no value.



Why Are These The Only Questions ?



Vilna Gaon (1720-1797)

Rabbi Eliyahu Kramer

- **Mishlei 4:13:** 'Be strong in Mussar (ethical instruction) and do not slacken, guard it – for it is your life'.
- "For it is your life – because a person lives in order to break whatever trait he hasn't broken up to now, therefore he needs to perpetually strengthen himself, because if he doesn't – why is he alive?"



Rabbi Chaim Vital

(1542-1620 -Lived in Tsfas)

- **QUESTION:** Why are character traits are not included as part and parcel of the 613 mitzvos ?
- **ANSWER:** They are essential prerequisites to their fulfillment or negation, for the simple reason that the intellectual soul is powerless to fulfill the mitzvot with the 613 organs of the body except through the agency of the fundamental soul which is connected to the body.
- the bad character traits are actually much worse than the transgressions themselves.
- greater caution must be taken to safeguard oneself from bad character traits, than even from fulfilling the positive mitzvot or desisting from committing the negative mitzvot.
- This is because if a person possesses good character traits, he will not find it difficult to fulfill all the mitzvot.

More Teachings From Mishlei

- The purpose of our involvement in Torah is to inform man of the way to worship HaShem – to Proverbs 23:26.
- “But if he is neither G-d-fearing nor is he afraid of sin, though he learn the same things a number of times, he will not locate [the precise point of halakha], for he does not study in order to know what to be careful of, and every matter that is not the responsibility of a person does not occupy his thoughts – to Proverbs 1:7.
- This world is called “night”, darkness, and the Torah is light, to illuminate the way for man – to Proverbs 7:9.
- Sometimes one learns a good deal, but it is full of leanings towards honor and pride... and though he has learned a lot, it turns out that he has learnt only a little in G-d-fearingness, a little which is better than the entire treasure he has amassed – to Proverbs 15:16.

What Are the Characteristics of a Jewish Soul ?

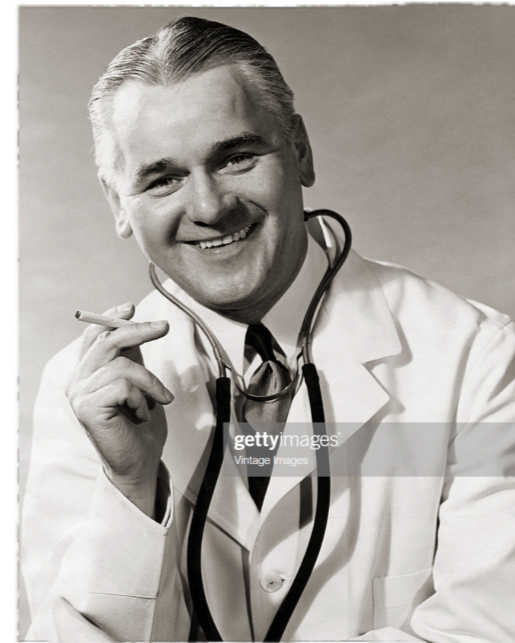
- Man was created "in the image of G-d" (Genesis 1:26).
- Our souls' composition is the likeness G-d's divine attributes.
- There are 3 higher level attributes found in the mind.
- There are 7 lower level attributes found in the personality.

3 Higher Levels of Soul

1. **Chochmah - Wisdom:** is a spark of knowledge, it is the first flash of an idea. It's undeveloped and unrealized. Because it is as yet amorphous, comprehension is lacking; the flash of illumination might indeed be dissipated unless it is promptly developed. But already the thinker experiences delight; he is aware of a great accomplishment.
2. **Binah - Understanding:** is the expansion and the development of Chochmah's spark.
[It] takes this concept-nucleus, examines it and develops it in all its ramifications and details. Binah is accomplished through contemplation and concentration, and drawing conclusions or plans.
3. **Daas - Knowledge:** is the conclusion. It is the application of the concept or idea that one has contemplated, and living in that reality.
[It] carries the idea to its logical conclusion. The conclusion will vary with the type of subject—a verdict in legal problems or an emotion consonant with the idea [...]

3 Steps to Quit Smoking:

- A doctor living in the sixties. He smokes a couple of packs of cigarettes a day and has an unimportant chronic cough, but is otherwise relatively normal.
- **Chochma:** One day he notices that every patient for whom he prescribes cough antidotes, smokes. He has a sudden flash; maybe smoking and coughing are related. Second flash; maybe smoking is bad for the health generally!



- **Bina:** He begins to do some investigating. He begins to study cases of chest related disorders and gathers statistics. Slowly, a pattern in those numbers begins to emerge. There is a definite correlation between the smoking population and the chest related disorder population. A conclusion is reached; smoking is bad for health. Indeed when the *binah* process is finally complete, a proposition is born from the *chochmah* and then the *binah*. The proposition can be formulated like this: Smoking is bad for my health.
- **Da'as:** does our doctor give up smoking? And the incredible answer? Not necessarily. Our imaginary doctor knows smoking will kill him and yet he does not necessarily give it up. Why? He has no *daas* in smoking. *daas* is the level of taking on board information arrived through *chochmah* and then *binah*, so that a permanent change is effected². No one in their right mind can smoke. The reason they do is they have no *daas* in relation to this *chochmah* and *binah*.

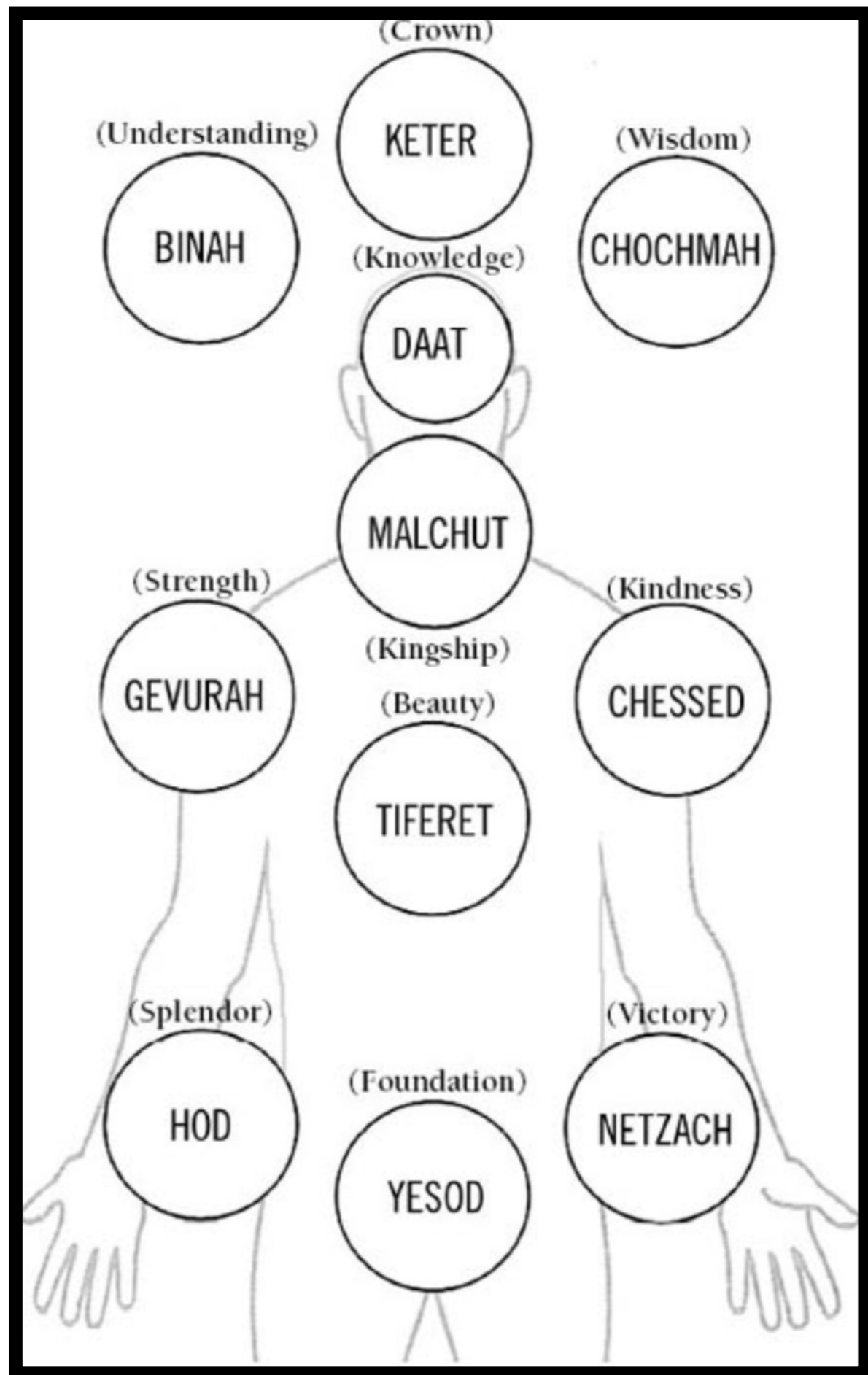


7 Lower Levels of Soul

1. **Chesed (Kindness)** — characterized by a calm and flowing love, overflowing with love for his fellows.
2. **Gevurah (Control)** – serves G-d with awe and a flaming passion. Highly disciplined, with high expectations of himself and others.
3. **Tiferes (Harmony)** – a perfect synthesis of Kindness and Severity. This is accomplished through the study of Torah. *Tiferet* is also the source of the soul's capacity for compassion.
4. **Netzach (Perseverance)** – constantly battling and struggling, but is ultimately triumphant.
5. **Hod (Humility)** – exemplifies self-abnegation in favor of allowing itself to be overwhelmed by G-d's goodness.
6. **Yesod (Foundation)** – unique talent is establishing giving relationships, intellectually or otherwise.
7. **Malchus – (Royalty)** serves its Creator in a majestic manner.

KESER VS. DA'AS:

- **KESER - CROWN** - represents the infinite will of Hashem vis-a-vis His desire to create a world and have a relationship with mankind. It is unstoppable and the motivation for everything that Hashem does.
- **DA'AS - KNOWLEDGE** - represents man internalizing this "will" of Hashem to the extent that it is totally his only will, which supersedes any of his personal desires.



10 SEFIROS

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10 QUESTIONS

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Which Question Shows Perfection of Which Mida ?

- Was fear of God Your Storehouse?
- When you learned Torah, did you learn it in depth?
- When you learned Torah, did you understand one matter through another ?
- Did you engage in acts of loving kindness ?
- Did you conduct your business transactions faithfully ?
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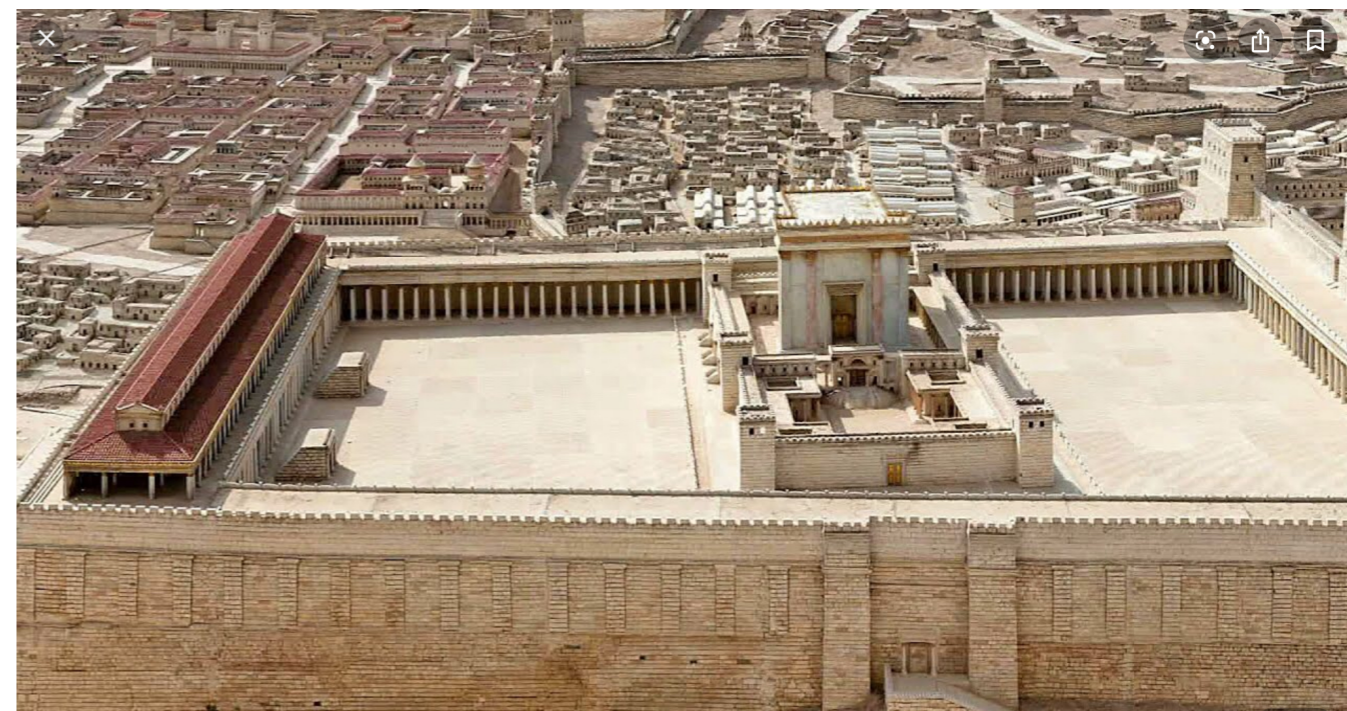
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UNDERSTANDING

NETZACH-
PERSEVERANCE

DA'AS -
KNOWLEDGE

Rebuilding the Temple:

- Siddur: וְלִירוּשָׁלַיִם עִירָךְ בְּרַחֲמִים תָּשׁוּב. וְתִשְׁכֵּן בְּתוֹכָהּ כְּאִשֶּׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ. וּבְנֶה אוֹתָהּ בְּקֶרֶב בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּנֵי עוֹלָם. וְכִסֵּא דָוִד מְהֵרָה לְתוֹכָהּ תִּכְיֶן: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', בּוֹנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
- To Jerusalem Your city may You return **with mercy** and dwell in the midst of it as You have spoken, and build it soon and in our day as an eternal structure. The throne of David quickly establish. Blessed are You, O Lord, the Builder of Jerusalem.



Role Models for Divine Character Growth



7 Shepards:

- Avraham
- Yitzchak
- Yaakov
- Moshe
- Aharon
- Yosef
- Dovid

THE TEN SEFIROS OR MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD

Hebrew	<i>Shepard</i>	Quality	Question on the Final Exam	Body part
KESER כתר		Crown – Overall Desire, Will	Was fear of G-d your storehouse?	Crown
CHOCHMA חכמה		Wisdom	Did you delve into wisdom?	1/2 of Brian
BINA בינה		Understanding	When you learned Torah, did you learn it deeply?	1/2 of Brain

1 CHESED חסד	אברהם	Loving Kindness	Did you do acts of loving kindness?	Right Hand
GEVURAH גבורה	יצחק	Strength Of Character, Fortitude	Did you conduct your business transactions faithfully?	Left Hand
TIFERES תפארת	יעקב	Beauty, Glory, Compassion	Did you wait in hope for the Messianic salvation?	Torso
NETZACH נצח	משה	Eternity, Victory, Consistency	Did you set aside fixed times for Torah?	Right Leg
HOD הוד	אהרן	Splendour, Majesty, Modesty, Humility	Did you treat your fellow Jew royally?	Left Leg
YESOD יסוד	יוסף	Foundation, Bonding, Connection	Did you engage in procreation?	Reproductive Organ
MALCHUS מלכות	דוד	Kingdom, Sovereignty, Enabling	Did you coronate your Maker in the morning and evening?	Mouth

Rav Eliyahu Dessler:

- Those very *middos* and spiritual acquisitions which we acquire for ourselves in *Olam Ha'zeh* — they are what we will bring with us when we enter *Olam Haba*.
- We cannot add any new abilities there. [Rather,] the Torah we learned in *Olam Ha'zeh* will enable us to acquire the true outlook.
- And then, afterwards, we will be able to recognize His revelation, and to learn the true path from it.
- Furthermore, through the Torah and *mitzvot* which we acquired in *Olam Ha'zeh*, we will become sanctified and prepared to derive pleasure from the *ruchniyus*.
- But one who never got pleasure from spirituality during his life, from Torah or good things in *Olam Ha'zeh*, will be lacking the ability to [then] enjoy them in *Olam Haba* which is entirely *ruchani* (spiritual). (*Michtav M'Eliyahu* — *Ayin lo ra'atah* — 3:101).



The Difference Between Passing



THIS WAY TO GAN EDEN, RESURRECTION, & OLAM HABA !!!!

And Failing !!!!

That Moment When..



**The only thing you know in
an exam is Name & Date**

**THIS WAY TO GEHINNOM
KAF HAKELA, REINCARNATION,
LESS PLEASURE IN OLAM HABA**