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Parsha With Dr. ChatGPT

Consider the following "Halachic" thought, generated by ChatGPT: Did the AI get it right? Do you find it to be accurate, or did technology miss the boat?

In Parshas שמות we learn about the extraordinary act of the Hebrew midwives, Shifrah and Puah, who defied Pharaoh's decree to kill the male infants of the Israelites. Instead, they "feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them" (שמות 1:17-18). This episode provides the basis for the halachic principle that one must not obey human authority when it contradicts the commandments of Hashem.

The Talmud (Sanhedrin 74a) establishes that in cases of יהרג ואל יעבור (situations where one must give their life rather than transgress), idolatry, forbidden relations, and murder are cardinal sins for which compliance with human orders is absolutely forbidden. The Rambam (Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Yesodei HaTorah 5:1-2) further codifies this concept, stating that if a ruler commands someone to

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Parshah Riddle

Who are we?

Count us up,
Yes, 6 are we
To be mentioned
Without identity

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Shabbos Zmanim

4:37	הדלקה
4:55	שקיעה
5:51:10	עלות השחר (16.1)
6:05:32	עלות השחר (72)
7:17:32	נץ החמה
7:15	שחרית
Hot Kiddush & Short Shiur After Davening	
9:06/9:42	ס"ז קריאת שמע
10:06/10:30	ס"ז תפילה
12:06:56	חצות היום
12:36:56	מנחה גדולה (30)
2:55:46	מנחה קטנה (GR'A)
3:56:03	פלג המנחה (GR'A)
4:56	שקיעה
5:46	צה"כ (50)
5:56	צה"כ (60)
6:08	צה"כ (72)

Next Weeks Zmanim

4:45	הדלקה
5:03	שקיעה
7:15	שחרית

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violate a mitzvah—even one of lesser severity—they must refuse if the intention is to undermine the Torah.

The midwives' refusal to carry out Pharaoh's command reflects a deep commitment to this principle, as their actions upheld the sanctity of life, a core value in Jewish law (Bereishit 9:6, Sanhedrin 37a). This narrative also highlights the obligation of יראת שמים (fear of Heaven) as a guiding principle in decision-making. As Rashi comments on the verse, their fear of God empowered them to risk their lives to uphold divine law. From their example, we learn the enduring halachic and ethical imperative to prioritize the will of Hashem above all, demonstrating courage and integrity even in the face of adversity.

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Answer To Last Week's Riddle

Answer: Milk

After the first, he's three beneath, This special thing, describes his teeth

Riddle: What Am I?



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