

פרק א, משנה יח  
רַבֵּן שְׁמַעוֹן בֶּן גַּמְלִיאֵל אוֹמֵר, עַל שְׁלֹשָׁה דְּבָרִים הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד,  
עַל הַדִּין וְעַל הָאֱמֶת וְעַל הַשְּׁלוֹם,  
שְׁנֵאֲמַר אֱמֶת וּמִשְׁפָּט שְׁלוֹם שְׁפָטוּ בְּשַׁעְרֵיכֶם (זכריה ח, טז)

**DIN** – JUSTICE – Promoting fairness with others

**EMET** – Truth – Sustaining healthy relationships through honesty

**SHALOM** – PEACE – The necessary vessel for all blessing

**QUESTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWER:** *Torah, Avodah and Gemilut Chassadim* (as discussed in *mishna bet*) are what keep the world in existence, while *din, emet and shalom* are NECESSARY FOR SOCIETY TO FUNCTION OPTIMALLY.



In 1914, when Rebbetzin Faiga Chaya Zaks was 10 years old, her father, the Chofetz Chaim, R' Yisrael Meir HaKohen Kagan (1839-1933), *zt"l*, was preoccupied with the task of checking every page of every set of the recently published Mishna Berurah, slowly and meticulously.

The Chofetz Chaim would turn the pages of a volume, scanning them to make sure they had been printed clearly and that there were no blank or badly creased pages. Only after a volume was proofread would he consider selling it.

One afternoon, the Chofetz Chaim asked Faiga Chaya to check some volumes that were lying on a table. She politely refused, saying that she wished to play outside with her friends. Seeing that her father was disappointed, she reassured him that she would check the volumes when she came back home. "Tatteh," she said, exaggerating somewhat, "When I come back later, I will be happy to do 10 sets for you!"

Faiga Chaya went outside to play with her friends. When she got back, she found that her father had placed ten sets – six volumes each – of the Mishnah Berurah on the table. She was astonished at the sight of SIXTY *sefarim* awaiting her! This was not exactly what she had in mind! The Chofetz Chaim noticed her surprise and uttered words that she never forgot: "**A mentsch darf wissen az a vort iz a vort**". (- A person must know that a word is a word!)

Rebbetzin Faiga Chaya checked every single book!

