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RABBI LANKRY



Parshas Behalosecha

On the 14 of Sivan, 203 years ago, the esteemed Rav Chaim of Valozin passed away and was invited to the great Yeshiva in Heaven. Rav Chaim was known as the respected student of The Gaon Of Vilna and the father of the Yeshiva movement. His founding Yeshiva, Yeshivas Etz Chaim, weathered many challenges, yet it became the foundation of many more Yeshivos until today.

Rav Chaim left for his children a little money and his most valuable of all the possessions, his writings. It was all divided amongst his children. His son Rav Yoseph received a small amount of money and many of his writings along with books that Rav Chaim had in his library. After shiva, Rav Yoseph rented a wagon and a driver put his things on the wagon and started to head home. The journey began Thursday night and after many hours of traveling they noticed that they took the wrong road. They tried to find their way, and after traveling some more, they realized they needed to find a place for Shabbos as they would unfortunately not make it home in time.

On the side of the road stood a strange looking man who was dressed very oddly. They called out to him and asked if there were any Jews that live in the area. The man replied, "I am Jewish and you're welcome to spend Shabbos with me in my home." It was a dark secluded house, somewhat creepy and intimidating, but they had no choice. Shabbos was quickly approaching, and they would have to make the best of it. Though Rav Yoseph was grateful that he did not have to violate Shabbos, he was sad that he didn't have a minyan and could not hear the Torah reading and say kaddish for his dear departed father. After mincha on Shabbos afternoon, Rav Yoseph lay down to rest and fell asleep. He had a dream that his father Rav Chaim told him, "You are in a place of grave danger! They are planning to kill you. Run for your life!"

Rav Yoseph woke up in a panic, ran to get the wagon driver and told him that they must leave immediately. They ran quickly to the wagon, but it was too late. Three men with knives were there, ready to kill them. They tied up the driver, and Rav Yoseph,

terrified, began to daven, screaming with all his might. "Master of the world, save me in the merit of my great father Rav Chaim and the merit of his Torah!"

Out the house came the menacing looking man and he asked, "what is your father's name?"

Rav Yoseph replied that it is the late Rav Chaim from Volozin. The man asked, "Can you prove that you are indeed his son?" Rav Yoseph showed him Rav Chaim's writings and letters that were bequeathed to him.

The intimidating man called over the three robbers and related his tale. "Years ago, I was caught stealing and I was put in jail before the holiday of Passover. No one from my friends and family came to my aid. The Rabbi Chaim of Volozin came to the jail and although he did not know me, he posted my bail and made sure I was set up for the holiday.

The man told his gang of robbers to let Rav Yoseph and his wagon driver free, in the merit of his father, the great Rav Chaim of Volozin.

Points to Ponder:

1. How much time is a safe amount of time to travel before Shabbos, in our day and age?
2. Is it safe to spend Shabbos by a random family for shabbos? What should you do if the host seems strange and somewhat frightening?
3. How are we to view dreams? If we get "warning" dreams, do we take them seriously? How do we know if they are real? Or is it just our subconscious or anxiety playing up fear?
4. What do you think saved Rav Yoseph: The merit of Rav Chaim's Torah learning and teaching? Or the Chesed that he did to a random Jew jailed before Pesach?

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Aaron Lankry



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NEW MINYANIM ADDED:

EARLY MINYAN MINCHA FRIDAY

1:32, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30

PLAG EREV SHABBOS 6:40 (SHITTAS HAGEONIM)
THE SHULCHAN ARUCH (OC 263:4) WRITES THAT ONE MAY LIGHT CANDLES AND ACCEPT SHABBOS STARTING AT PLAG HAMINCHA

SHABBOS ZMANIM

CANDLE LIGHTING	8:09PM
MINCHA ^{ALEF} TENT	7:00PM
MINCHA ^{BAIS} CHABAD	8:19PM
SHKIYA	8:23PM
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SHACHRIS ^{VASIKIN - DAF YOMI SHIUR}	4:44AM
SHACHRIS ^{ASHKENAZ} ¹⁸ MAIN	8:00AM
SHACHRIS MAIN MINYAN ¹⁸ TENT	9:15AM
SHACHRIS ²⁰ FORSHAY ^{BAIS} CHABAD	10:00AM
NEW SHACHRIS ¹⁸ FORSHAY	NEW 10:15AM
PIRCHEI	2:00PM
PIRKEI AVOS PEREK BAIS	
MINCHA SHALOSH SEUDOS	8:00PM
SHKIYA	8:28PM
MARRIV	9:08PM ¹⁸ TENT, 9:13PM

WEEKDAY ZMANIM

SHACHRIS
20 MINUTES BEFORE NEITZ

S	5:03	M	5:03	T	5:03	W	5:03	T	5:03	F	5:03
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MINCHA & MARIV
12 MINUTES BEFORE PLAG

S	6:42	M	6:43	T	6:43	W	6:43	T	6:44
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MINCHA & MARIV
12 MINUTES BEFORE SHKIA

S	8:17	M	8:17	T	8:18	W	8:18	T	8:19
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JUNE 10 - JUNE 16
NEITZ IS 5:23- 5:23
PELAG IS 6:54 - 6:56
SHKIA IS 8:29 - 8:31
MAGEN AVRAHAM
8:16 - 8:15 AM
GRA- BAAL HATANYA
9:10 - 9:10 AM

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RABBI COREN

IN THE IMAGE OF G-D

We have often spoken about the mission statement of the Jewish people—i.e. to be a light onto the nations, an inspiration to the world, a beacon of light that gives others insight into human greatness.

We sometimes underestimate the power of a human being. In order to get a glimpse of what it really means to be created in the image of G-d it is imperative for us to study the first few chapters of the Sefer Nefesh Hachayim. R Chaim Volozhin explains that being created in the image of Hashem obviously cannot mean on a physical level. Rather it means that we are like G-D in some way. It implies that we have the ability to affect changes in a myriad of spiritual worlds. This, of course, works in both a positive and negative manner. When we speak negatively about anything or anyone we are destroying all the existing domains and when we speak positively we are building super spiritual worlds while at the same time maintaining the continuance of our physical reality.

Let's take the effectiveness of prayer. An amazing story is told of a lady who was driving her car when suddenly she found herself caught in the middle of a traffic jam. It turns out that a woman had been hit by a car and was lying almost lifeless in the middle of the road. The lady driver realized that she wasn't going anywhere very soon and that there were plenty of people attending the scene and making the necessary phone calls. She came to the conclusion that the only thing she could do for the injured victim was to daven, so she took out her Tehilim and davened with all her heart.

A few months later the lady received a phone call. The voice on the other end of the line introduced herself and explained that although she was not sure to whom she was speaking, her instinct was pushing her to call. She needed to know if the lady at the other end of the line had been present at a car accident on a certain date. The lady from the car confirmed that she was and asked why. And then the caller went on to explain that when she was lying on the road, she felt her soul leave her body and she was able to view it from up above as it slowly faded away. There was, however, a strange force that seemed to be pulling her back. The powerful words of prayer were emanating from a car in the distance. The words were bright sparks. They were making an authoritative impression on her body and she could see the car in the distance. Amazingly, she was able to exactly repeat the license plate numbers. The lady driver couldn't believe what she was being told. Anyone hearing this story would be as stunned as the woman was. Can we ever even vaguely imagine to what heights a genuine prayer can reach?

When a magician waves his wand and recites the incantation "abracadabra" we wait in anticipation for the appearance of some unnatural event. A rabbit out a hat, a box full of blown up balloons, the disappearance of a dollar bill. Well, the term "abracadabra" actually appears in the Jewish texts in Aramaic as אברא כדברא and loosely translated into Hebrew it means "I create with my words." Just like God used words when he created the world in six days, so can we use our words to either construct or destroy. The choice is ours.



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The bus leaving Scheiner Shul to Adirei Hatorah



Kugel for the new Friday Mincha



Enjoying the soup



RABBI NACHUM SCHEINER
ROSH KOLLEL

HILCHOS MEZUZAH

We have discussed that a mezuzah serves as a shmira – a protection for one’s home. When a person is careful to fulfill this mitzvah properly, it serves as a merit that no evil should befall him or his family. And conversely, if one is not vigilant in this mitzvah, then he is endangering his life and the life of his children and is also prone to dangers invading his house.

MEZUZAH ON OUTER SIDE OF THE DOOR-POST

These are not just reasons for the mitzvah, but this protection actually has halachic ramifications. Since the mezuzah is meant for protection, when there is a wide doorpost (as is prevalent in many front entrances), the halacha is that the mezuzah should be placed within the first tefach (approximately 3-4 inches), from the outside, maximizing the protection for the entire house. This is spelled out in the Gemara, as well as in the Shulchan Aruch.

There is another important reason to place the mezuzah closer to the outside. When the mezuzah is closer to the outside, a person will “bump into” the mezuzah immediately upon entering his house. This fits beautifully with the words of the Rambam, who explains that each time one enters or exits his house he “bumps into” the mezuzah, and is “meeting up” with Hashem. Since the mezuzah contains the first two parshios of krias shema, it serves as a reminder of our connection to Hashem and it is therefore appropriate to get this “wake up call” immediately upon entry.

This also fits well with the Rama, who writes that one should place his right hand on the mezuzah and ask Hashem to watch over him, as well as the Arizal who recommends that one kiss his hand after touching the mezuzah. Since this is a time to remember that Hashem is guiding us, we must also act accordingly, and heed the “wake-up call.”

A MITZVAH FOR EVERY PERSON

The mitzvah of mezuzah is incumbent on every person and at every moment. The Minchas Chinuch points out that every second that one does not have a mitzvah is a transgression. In addition, it is a mitzvah for every door in the house, if it is halachically required to have a me-

zuzah. One must therefore ensure that his mezuzos are intact at all times.

The Pri Megadim writes that if someone does not have a mezuzah on his house (such as if the mezuzah became pasul and he has no mezuzah to replace it), and has another place to move to, he would be required to do so. However, if there is no place to go, he is allowed to stay.

The reason for this is because the Torah requires one to put a mezuzah on the doorpost, but there is no Torah issur to live in a house without a mezuzah. There is however a rabbinic issur to live in the house without a mezuzah. Since it is only rabbinically ordained, they did not require one to be stranded in the streets.

Similarly, on Shabbos, when it is not possible to affix a mezuzah (since it is considered building), if the mezuzah became pasul, one may stay in the house if he has no other place to live.

According to others, in all situations there is no issur to remain in the house.

IN SUMMARY

The mezuzah should be placed within the first tefach, in order to maximize the protection to the entire house, and to “bump into” the mezuzah immediately upon entering his house.

A mezuzah is required on every door, and every second that one does not affix the mitzvah is a transgression.

According to some opinions, there is an issur to remain in the house, without a mezuzah.

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and relevant topics

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RABBI YY JACOBSON

LOVING YOUR GPS: Three Attitudes Toward Your Life Journey

Part 2

Bubble or Symphony?

This Israelite trek through the desert is a metaphor for our own journeys today, both as individuals and as part of a people. We too can operate on three levels of consciousness.

A cloud hovers above each of us guiding our individual and collective voyages in life. The Baal Shem Tov (1698-1760), founder of the Chassidic movement, taught that there is a "Divine GPS" instilled in the soul of every creature, guiding it through the winding pathways of life's wilderness. Now, it is up to us to choose from among the three perspectives mentioned above.

In the first state of consciousness, you are detached from the "bigger picture" of your life. Your journey is still determined by G-d, but that truth eludes you. In your imagination you are an isolated bubble in a vast and meaningless universe; reality at its core is indifferent to your struggles and triumphs. Your life lacks a unified, higher narrative. You feel alone in your struggles, challenges and setbacks.

Yet unlike your earthly GPS which you have the choice to ignore, get angry at, or turn off, your heavenly GPS still guides you even if its voice remains inaudible. G-d is with you, even when you are unaware. Yet you have the choice of whether to open yourself to this truth, to allow it to effect you consciously.

In the second and higher state of consciousness, you become

aware of an unavoidable truth—that life presents us each with a particular set of challenges and opportunities. Each of us has a mission for which our soul was sent down on earth, so that every encounter and experience is an indispensable component of a grand cosmic symphony that spans the entire universe. You are aware of it and you surrender to it, often begrudgingly, subduing your own dreams to G-d's.

In the third and deepest state of consciousness, you align your ambitions, dreams and goals with those of G-d. To use the lingo of yesteryear, you HotSync your personal iphone with the cosmic iphone. You go beyond your narrow perception of where your life must take you, and you allow the core of reality—G-d—to set the course.

Instead of resisting, escaping and ducking you embrace life, every moment of it, with a bear hug. Each morning you awake and say: G-d! I'm ready to rock and roll! Wherever You wish to go today, I'm in. You do the steering and I will press the pedal for full speed. Bon voyage!

Sure, sometimes we'd prefer other routes and alternate destinations. G-d's GPS leads us at times through strange and complex highways; it often prefers dirt roads over paved ones. But will you spend the rest of your life combating reality? Is there even an existence outside of reality? Or will you have the courage to hear the "small silent voice" guiding you through the wilderness to the Promised Land?

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The CHOFETZ CHAIM'S ARTICULATE POLISH

In one of the last years of the Chofetz Chaim's life, the Polish government decreed that every Rav was required to learn the Polish language. In light of the decree, the Chofetz Chaim called for a meeting of Poland's eminent Rabanim. At the meeting, the Chofetz Chaim declared that this decree could cause the churban of Torah. The Rabanim decided that it was necessary to arrange a meeting with the President of Poland to attempt to annul the decree. The Chofetz Chaim let it be known that he himself would travel to meet with the President, and several Rabanim agreed to accompany him. Rav Leib, the Chofetz Chaim's shamash, later told over what had occurred there.

The Rabanim traveled to Warsaw for the meeting, and the Chofetz Chaim was presented as the Chief Rabbi. The members of the Polish government were astounded that such a feeble man, who was almost unable to walk, was the Chief Rabbi. The Chofetz Chaim began to speak in Yiddish. "Our Torah says to daven for the welfare of the kingdom. We're living now in galus under the rule of Poland, and every day after davening, I daven for the welfare of the Polish government. We came here now to discuss the decree that every Rav must know Polish. We are sure that this will be the churban of Yahadus. If the government of Poland does not interfere with our Yiddishkeit, we submit completely to your rule, and will pay all your taxes. But we are obligated to guard our Yiddishkeit as we see fit. If you interfere with our Yiddishkeit, you'll experience a downfall like all our enemies suffered in all the generations, beginning from Pharaoh the Rasha."

The Chofetz Chaim finished speaking, and the translator's face paled. How could he possibly translate what the Chofetz Chaim said? On the other hand, he was afraid to change the words of the Chofetz Chaim, because he knew that the Chofetz Chaim had ruach hakodesh and would surely realize that his words were not translated accurately. But if he would translate exactly what the Chofetz Chaim said, he could not imagine the repercussions! As he was still pondering what to do and say, the President of Poland arose and said to him, "You can sit down; you don't need to translate a word; just tell me in essence what he wants."

The translator hurried to say that the Chofetz Chaim is requesting to annul the decree on the Rabanim to learn Polish. The President answered, "There are many languages in the world, and one who speaks Polish may not know English, and one who speaks English may not know Polish, but there is one language which everybody understands, and that is the language of the heart. The Rav spoke with the language of the heart. There is no need to translate, I understood everything." He immediately sat down and signed a paper canceling the decree.



RABBI BEN ZION SNEH

LET'S FIGURE IT OUT

There's one in every family. It might even be you, yourself:

"I can't eat that. I don't like cheese."

"But you eat pizza?!"

"Yes, but I don't really mind it with tomato sauce, I can also eat it on Tuesday afternoons, when it's raining..."

Picky eaters become picky people. We can get stuck in negative patterns and have a hard time looking outside the boxes we have created for ourselves. It's our job to grow and change; evolve, accept and not criticize. But sometimes it's a tall task. The following illustrates this lesson. It's a text-based cartoon, but please come along for the ride with me:

The butcher was astonished, the dog would not stop peaking into his store. He chased it away with a stick, but it returned time and time again. Moving closer to chase the creature away (it was not good for business), he noticed a note in the dog's mouth. And as he got closer; a ten dollar bill was in there too!!!

Curiously he took the note and read it. "Please send a pound of extra lean chopped meat with my messenger. Please put the change and the meat in a bag. My dog will take the package home to me. Thank you!"

"Okay," he thought, "we'll go along with this..." It was closing time anyway and the butcher locked up, deciding to follow the dog home.

He finally got to a simple home on a residential street and circled around to the back of the house..., and the front again... glancing inside its windows all the while. Suddenly, the dog hurled itself against the front door at top speed. And then again. And then scratched

at the windows, loudly. All of a sudden, the door opened and a man inside started shouting and hitting the dog.

The butcher could take this abuse no longer and walked up to the man.

"Your dog is a genius!! What on earth are you doing to him!?"

Shouting back at the butcher, the man said, "What an imbecile he is! This is the second time this month he forgot his keys!"

Rabbi Efreim Goldberg is not just an amazing Mara D'Asrah, public speaker and writer, he is also a Gadol in Torah and Chesed. Before Pesach he arranged that a store would open on the grounds of his shul to "sell" everything necessary for Yomtov for whatever the customer was able to pay. Rich and poor shopped equally and paid for the most amazing produce, fish, meat, matzos, etc. that money could buy, paying what they wanted, into an anonymous box.

During the sale, someone approached the Rabbi and started chastising him loudly about the choice of a particular brand of fish.

He did not reply, but it bothered him no end. Then he opened a sefer by R Shaul Alter, who had gone through similar circumstances, and reasoned to himself as follows: "Don't we all act that way? Doesn't Hashem give us everything, but are we not busy with asking for something different? A better car... A better house... More money... A better life situation? We must learn to appreciate and love what we have!"

As the saying goes, If we want what we have, then we have what we want!

Good Shabbos!

PARSHAS BEHA'ALOSCHA

THE SEVEN WISDOMS OF THE WORLD

ועש כן אהרן אל מול פני המנורה העלה נרתיה, כאשר" 8:3
 "צוה ד' את משה

"And Aharon did so; toward the face of the Menorah he kindled its lamps, as Hashem had commanded Moshe." Rashi says that when the Posuk says that Aharon did so, it tells us the praise of Aharon in that he did not deviate from what he was commanded to do. This Rashi is a Peleh, for what is the Chiddush that the holy Aharon Hakohen kindled the Menorah the way he was commanded?

The main part of one's Avodas Hashem is to serve with Ahavas Hashem, and not in order to receive reward, as the Mishna in Avos 3:1 tells us. The Gemara in Pesachim 50b tells us that one should always learn Torah, even if it is Shelo Lishma, for learning Torah Shelo Lishma brings one to ultimately learning Torah Lishma. Chazal tell us that the Menorah alludes to Limud Hatorah, as the seven branches of the Menorah correspond to the seven wisdoms of the world, and all of them are alluded to in the Torah Hakdoshah, for the Torah Hakdoshah encompasses all of the wisdom in the world.

Moshe Rabbeinu could not figure out how to construct the Menorah, as the Medrash says in 15:4. Where was Moshe Rabbeinu getting stuck? The Menorah had גביעים and פרחים which alludes to that one who acquires the Torah is Zoche to Kovod and Hatzlacha. Moshe could not fathom this, for Moshe Rabbeinu was a great Anav, and he assumed all were like him, in that they would only learn Torah due to Ahavas Hashem, and not due to any outside factors, such as receiving honor for it.

There were three steps up which one needed to ascend in order to light the Menorah. This was done to teach Klal Yisroel that they should learn Torah Shelo Lishma, in order to be elevated like going up steps,

as Tosfos says in Brochos 17a – that one should learn Torah in order to be called "Rebbe", for ultimately it will bring one to learn Lishma. We know that Aharon Hakohen, like Moshe Rabbeinu, served Hakodosh Boruch Hu with Ahavas Hashem. The Medrash tells us that Aharon Hakohen made the Eigel from Ahavas Hashem, for he feared that if a Kohen and a Navi, such as himself, were to be killed in the Mikdash, it would have been a great Chillul Hashem. (He was willing to accept the punishment that would come along with the sin of making the Eigel so that there should be less Chillul Hashem – it was all about his love for the Ribbono Shel Olam, and not what was best for himself). Thus, Aharon could have thought that since he was already on the level of Limud Hatorah Lishma, only because of Ahavas Hashem, and therefore he did not need to go up the steps to kindle the Menorah. The Torah tells us the praise of Aharon, that although he was actually on that level, he did as he was told, for it was not for himself, but for the rest of the nation of Klal Yisroel, that they should all know that they should even learn Torah Shelo Lishma, for it will ultimately bring Lishma.

Aharon Hakohen was the biggest pursuer of Sholom, nonetheless, there are times that Sholom must be chased away. The Torah alludes to this here by three steps in front of the Menorah. In one's service to the Ribbono Shel Olam, there are times that he must become somewhat haughty, elevate himself, going up three steps and be higher than others, for the Kovod of Hashem. This concept of being somewhat arrogant and chasing away Sholom was against the very grain of his being. Nonetheless, the Torah testifies, that Aharon did exactly as he was commanded, for more than what his entire being was, it was all for Hakodosh Boruch Hu. (נטה נפתלי)

TORAH BRINGS BLESSINGS IN ALL NEEDS

...Since the daily life and conduct in accordance with G-d's Will is the channel

and vessel to receive G-d's blessings, it is well to bear in mind that every additional effort in matters of Torah and Mitzvos is bound to bring additional Divine blessings in all needs. However, the Torah and

Mitzvos must be fulfilled for their own sake...

— excerpt of Rebbe's letter

UFARATZTA



JOKES

Tuition Crisis

There was this Executive Director of a Yeshiva who was having difficulty collecting tuition from a particular parent. After reviewing the account and realizing that the student was not to blame, the Executive Director decided to give the student a scholarship.

That year, the Executive Director, having heard of the extraordinary spirituality that one can obtain by going to Uman for Rosh Hashanah, decided to make the trip. When he got out of his taxi on Pushkina street, imagine his surprise when he saw the parent he had given the scholarship to sipping coffee and eating cookies at Starbucks. He was a bit perturbed so he walked over to the parent and asked, "What are you doing here? The parent explained that the neighborhood he lives in was going through a difficult time and the community had put up the money for him to come to Uman and daven by the Heiliga Reb Nachman for the welfare of their community.

A few months later, the Executive Director having been spiritually enriched in Uman decided to make a pilgrimage to Lizensk to be mispallel. This is a small town and as he is walking in the street, who does

he meet, it's none other than the same parent. A bit upset, he again asks him what he is doing there and the parent tells him that the shul he davens in was in the middle of a severe machlokes. The shul had put some funds together so that he could be mispallel for the shul at the kever of this great tzadik.

It was just after Pesach when the Executive Director decided to make a trip to Kerestir. Wouldn't you know it but who is standing in front of the hachnosas orchim eating a sandwich but the very same parent. The Executive Director is really upset and is ready to go over to him and give him a piece of his mind when the parent quickly goes over to him and says, "this time I had mileage."

World's Best One Liners

1. Escalators don't break down... they just turn into stairs
2. "I'm sorry" and "I apologize" mean the same thing... except when you're at a funeral.
3. I intend to live forever... or die trying.
4. We never knew he was a drunk... until he showed up to work sober.
5. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
6. A blind man walks into a bar... and a table, and a chair.
7. At what age is it appropriate to tell my dog that he's adopted?
8. Want to hear a pizza joke.... nah, it's too cheesy. What about a construction joke? Oh never mind, I'm still working on that one. Did you hear the one about the rope? Skip it. Have you heard the one about the guy in the wheelchair? Never mind, it's too lame.
9. I used to be in a band, we were called 'lost dog'. You probably saw our posters.
10. I childproofed the house... but they still get in!

Texas Versus Australia

A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking. The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large".

Then they walk around the ranch a little, and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows".

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks, "And what are those"?

The Aussie replies with an incredulous look, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas"?



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