

**הַלְכָה of the Week****~ שְׁמִירַת הַלְשׁוֹן ~****Relating *לְשׁוֹן הַרְעָ* Under Pressure**

There is no difference between freely volunteering *לְשׁוֹן הַרְעָ* and being pressured into relating it. If someone would entice you to eat food that is not kosher, would the food then be permissible? The same principle would apply to *לְשׁוֹן הַרְעָ*.

**David was burning with curiosity to find out the identity of a person who had done something wrong: “Look, you can tell me, we’ve been good friends for years. I promise that I won’t repeat it to a soul. Just give me a hint. I won’t budge until you tell me.”**

**Regardless of David’s persistence, his friend must be strong and withhold the information.**

**פָּרָקִי אֲבוֹת of the Week**

**פרק ה**  
ז ארבע מדות בחולבי לבית המדרש. הולך ואינו עוזש, שבר הליכה בידו. עוזש ואינו הולך, שבר מעשה בידו. הולך ועוזש, חסיד. לא הולך ולא עוזש, רשע:

There are four types among those who go to the beis hamedrash (house of study):

- one who goes but does not study, has the reward for going;
- one who studies (at home) but does not go (to the beis hamedrash), he receives a reward for studying;
- a person who goes to the beis hamedrash and studies there, that person is a ‘chossid;’
- a person who does not go to the beis hamedrash and does not study at home, that person is wicked.

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