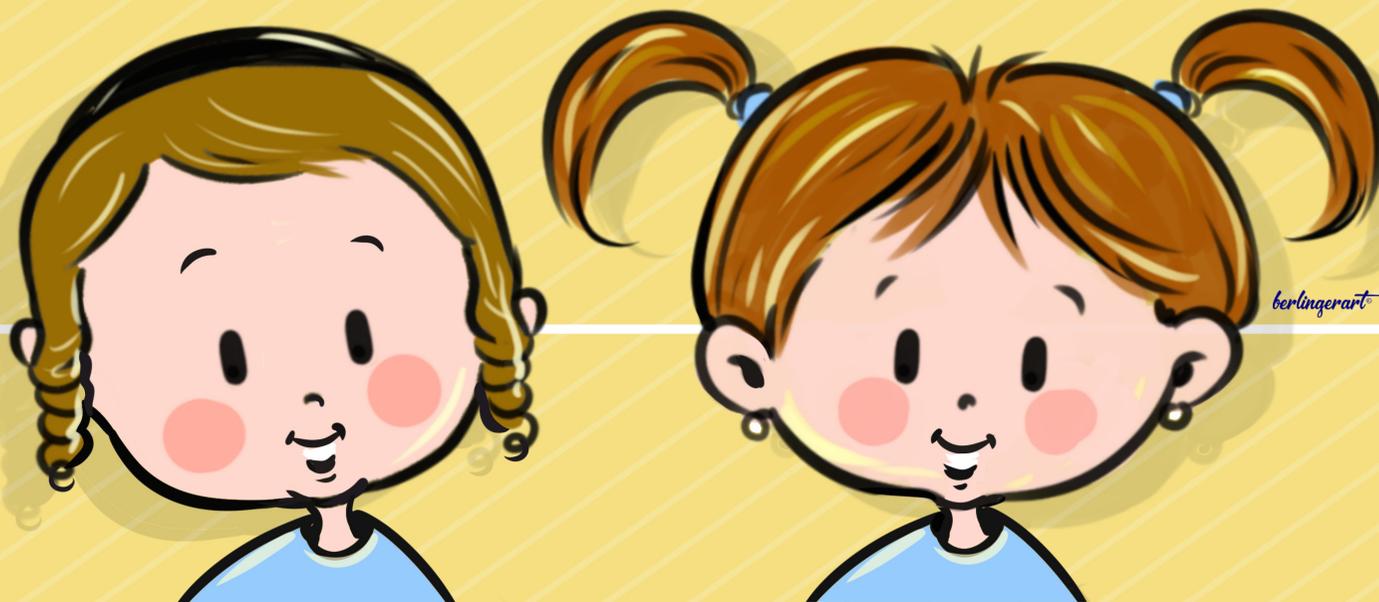


Zevi and Miri's Neighbour
A Levaye on
Sunnyside Road



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A Zevi and Miri Book

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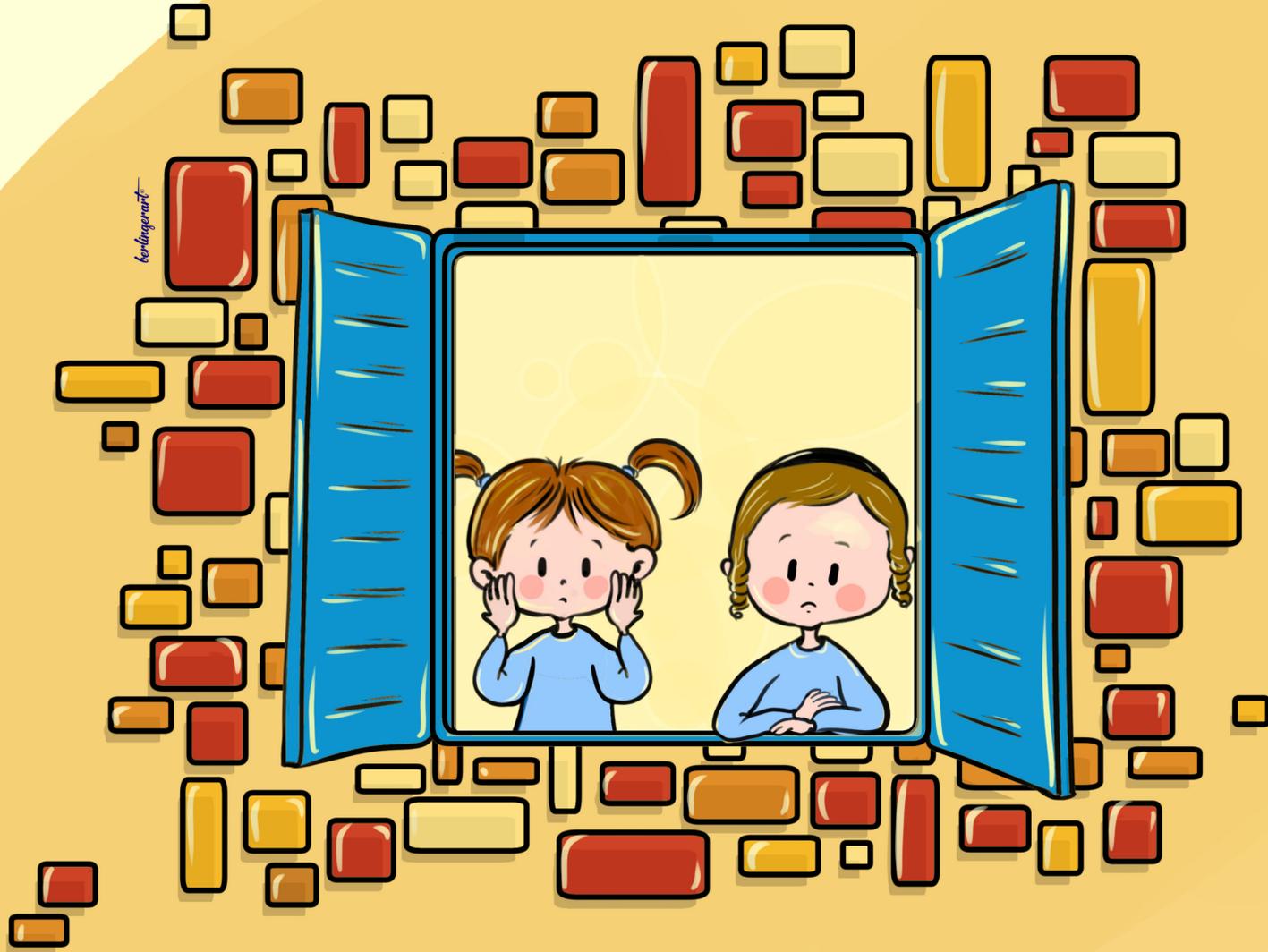
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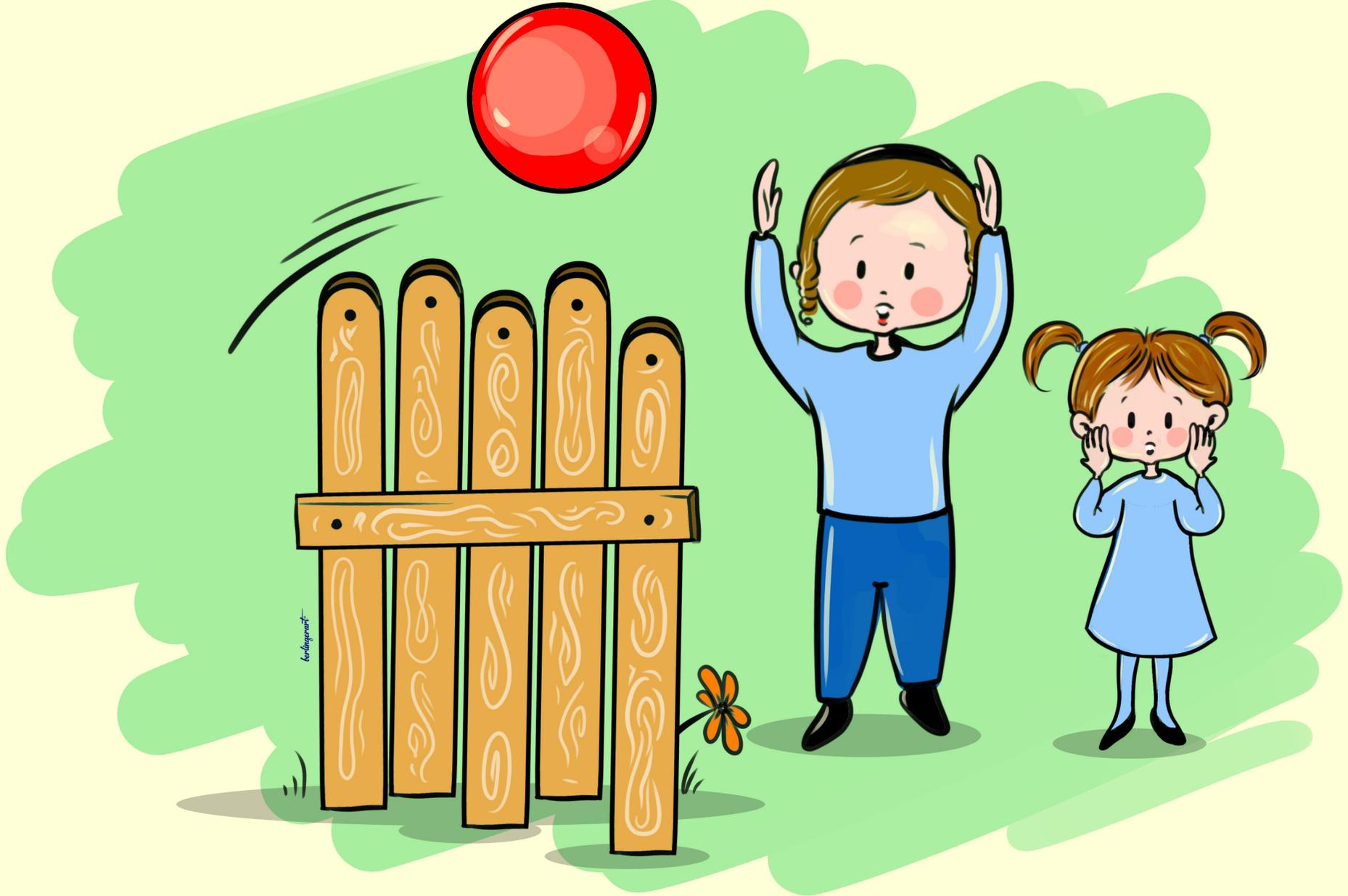
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Zevi and Miri Yidman live on Sunnyside Road. Sunnyside Road is a very happy and sunny road because Zevi and Miri live there of course! But today is not a very happy or sunny day for the neighbours on Sunnyside Road.



Do you know why? Because Mr Shuchen was niftar. Mr and Mrs Shuchen live next door Family Yidman. Zevi and Miri loved Mr Shuchen because he was so kind. Whenever their ball flew over the fence into Mr Shuchen's garden he would just laugh and throw the ball right back. He always used to say, "You are good neighbours, Zevi and Miri. Have fun playing!"



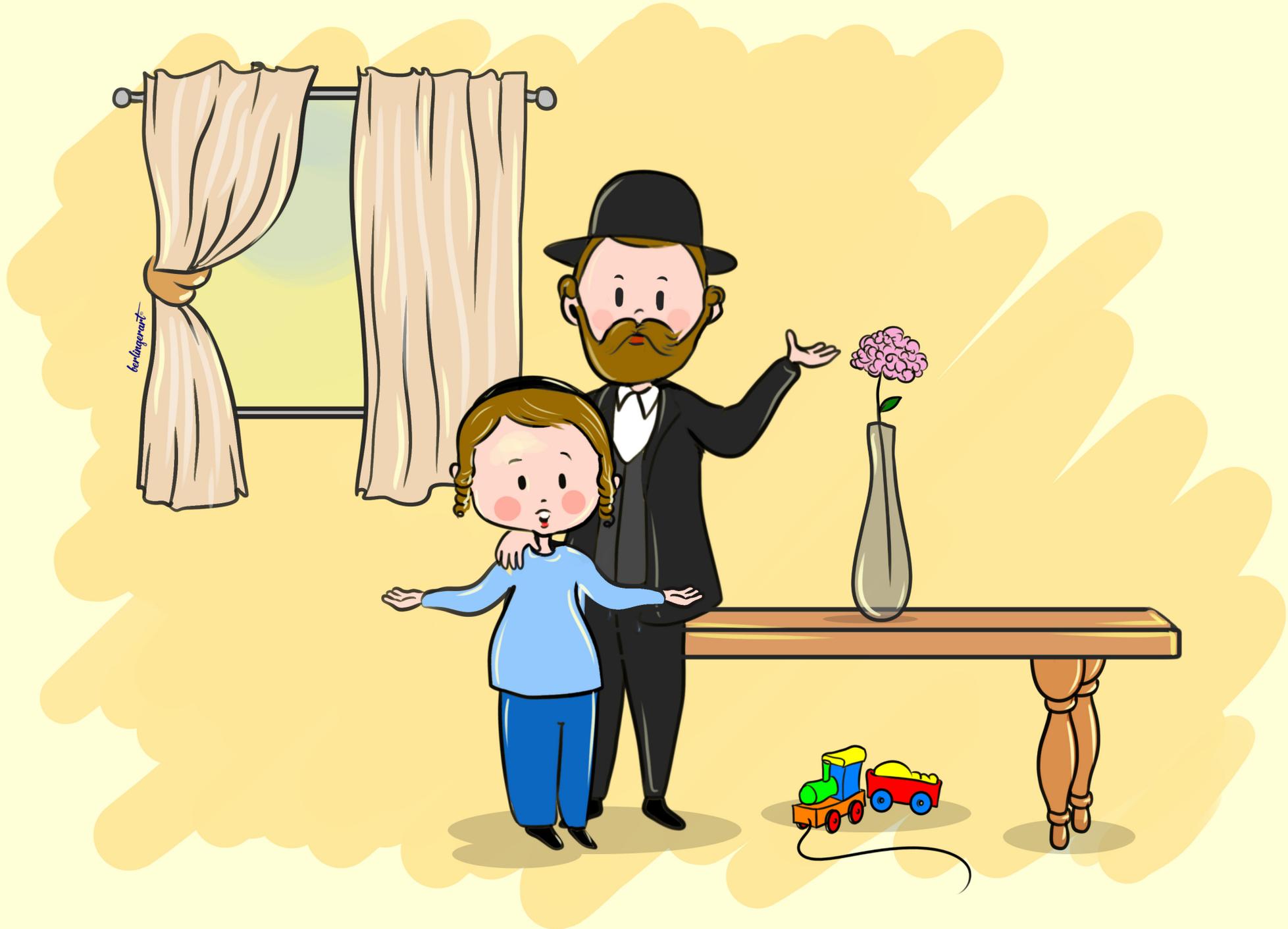
Tatty and Mummy explain to Zevi and Miri that when someone is niftar it means that they are no longer here with us and that they stay right near HaShem.

“That sounds like something special,” said Zevi “I thought dying is a bad thing.”

“Dying is not a bad thing but it makes us feel sad that the person is no longer with us,” explained Mummy. “Do you remember how you felt Zevi when you lost your favourite toy car?”

“Yes, I loved that car and my heart felt like it was broken,” Zevi remembered. “I wished with all my heart I could find it and kept hoping I would but I now know it is lost and I cannot play with it again.” I still miss that one, though other cars are good to play with too.”

“Right,” said Mummy softly, “it is normal to feel sad when we lose something dear to us.”



That week Mrs Shuchen and her family sat 'shivah' for Mr Shuchen. "Shiva" means seven days. During the week of "Shiva", people can be 'menachem avel'. They talk to the family about Mr Shuchen and remember things together that will comfort them. Tatty and Zevi learn together 'lilui nishmoso'. That means the Torah they learn is just for his neshomo and will give Mr Shuchen more zechusim. Miri asks, "What mitzvah can I do 'lilui nishmoso'?" Mummy gives her a penny and she puts it in Tzeduka. Miri feels much better now.

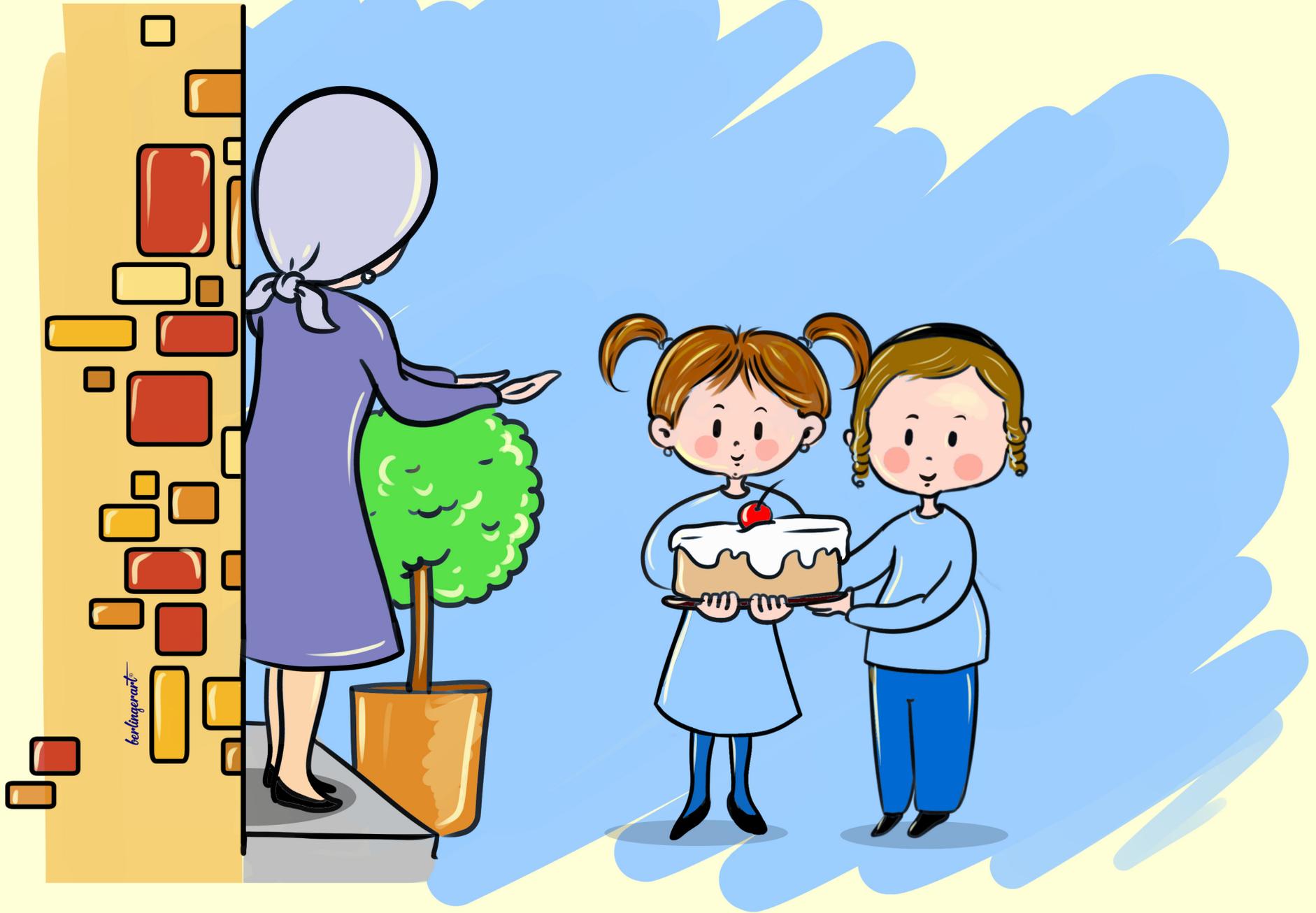


The next day Mummy asks Miri, “Can you bring this cake over to Mrs Shuchen please?”

“Sure,” answers Miri. Zevi goes together with Miri to bring over the cake. They knock on the door and leave it outside. Mrs Shuchen opens the door.

She smiles when she sees her favourite apple cake, “You made me so happy, and I’m sure Mr Shuchen is smiling from up there too!”

Zevi and Miri miss Mr Shuchen and his cheerful laughter, but they know that Mr Shuchen is in a good place. Somehow they still can hear him say, “You are good neighbours, Zevi and Miri. Have fun playing!”



Questions:

1. Why are the people of Sunnyside Road sad today?

2. What happens when someone is niftar?

3. What does it mean to be 'menachem avel'?

4. Do Zevi and Miri still miss Mr Shuchen?

Activity:

If you know someone who was niftar, you can do something 'lilui nishmoso'

**A 'lilui nishmas' card for _____:
I will bli neder undertake to say tehilim/put a
penny in tzedoko/ learn some mishnayos/do a
chesed/_____
as a zechus for his/her neshomo.**

Well done!

