

## THE PRIZE



Many years ago there lived a very charitable man\*, Reb Dovid was his name.



One day – it was *Hoshana* Rabbah – his wife gave him ten coins\* and asked him to go and buy something for their children. At that moment some people in the market were collecting\*\* money for a poor girl who was getting married\*\*\*.



When the people saw Reb Dovid they asked him to give *Tzedakah* for this poor girl.



Reb Dovid gave them all the ten coins he had. Now he was ashamed\* to go back home empty handed\*\* so he went to the synagogue\*\*\*. At the synagogue he found children playing with Etrogim. It was Hoshanah Rabbah and there was no more need\*\*\*\* for the Etrogim.

\*התבייש \*\*בידיים ריקות \*\*\*בית כנסת \*\*\*\*



Reb Dovid collected a bag full of etrogim and went out to try and sell them. He travelled far away and sat down in the forest with the bag of Etrogoim. Reb Dovid didn't know what to do next. Suddenly some people came to him. They were the king's officers. They asked him what was in his bag.

למכור \*\*נסע \*\*\*יער \*\*\*פקידים\*



"I am a poor man, I have nothing to sell," he answered. They opened his bag and saw that it was full of Etrogim. "What kind\* of fruit is this?" the officers asked. "These are Etrogim, a special fruit Jews use on Sukkot." When the officers heard that, they took him and the bag to the palace\*\*

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The king was very ill and the doctors told him that only the Etrog can make him feel better. The king's officers looked everywhere for an Etrog but could not find one. Now they found Reb Dovid with a bag full of Etrogim. Reb Dovid saved the king's life.

\*חולה \*\*להרגיש טוב \*\*\*הציל



The king became healthy and told the officers to fill Reb Dovid's bag with many gold coins. Reb Dovid returned home a very rich man.