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A Bit too Heavy

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Joe staggered a few more paces, then dropped to his knees, too exhausted to go on. It had been days since his narrow escape from the desert military base his team had infiltrated. It had not gone as planned, but Joe had gotten out alive, and had managed to steal a valuable piece of enemy technology. It was this large piece of machinery that was making it so hard for him to walk. It was a large computer, weighing nearly 200 pounds, and he'd carried it strapped to his back for nearly 3 days as he desperately made his way to his rendezvous point. This was it, he could not go any farther. He collapsed and let his consciousness slip away like a slippery pickle in a jar escaping a fork. Whump. Whump. Whump. Thoughts slowly began to ooze into Joe's sluggish brain. He was sitting up, tied? No, strapped. Whump. Whump. Whump. He was

in a blender? No, a washing machine. Whump. Whump.

Joe finally cracked his eyes open and saw that he was sitting in a helicopter, surrounded by fellow troops. His help had arrived. He was saved. Glancing to the floor next to him, Joe noticed the device he had rescued. With some difficulty, he lifted it up and placed it on his lap.

"G.I. Joe," said the soldier across from him. "It's good to see you awake. We congratulate you on successfully completing your mission. But you don't have to hold the thing. I see how exhausted you are, you can barely stay conscious. Why don't you leave that device on the floor of the chopper?"

Joe smiled. "I appreciate that soldier. I really do. But it wouldn't be right. This helicopter is carrying my weight. That's hard work. I don't want the helicopter to have to carry this machine as well!"

Does that sound silly to you? Sounds ridiculous to me! Obviously if the helicopter is carrying the device, it doesn't 'help' to hold it on his lap. The helicopter is still carrying that weight.

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God carries us. He carries the weight of our needs, our finances, our health and our lives. "But I don't want God to have to carry me on Shabbos, too." Really, it's not harder for Him. The same omnipotent creator who made gravity, causes plants to grow and controls the universe, provides for us every day. It is appropriate for us to 'help' by trying to make a living. Yet we have been promised that we will not lose our support by following His will and taking a day off. Really. He can carry you.

Whump. Whump. Whump. That's the sound of my spoon hitting the bottom of the cholent pot.

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