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 **Middah Master Lesson 4
בּוּשָׁה – Busha (Conscience, moral sensitivity, shame)**

## Case 1

Before class, Yossi remembered he had forgotten to do his homework. On the desk, he saw Moshe’s paper already finished. He thought about copying it quickly.

*If I copy, Rebbi won’t know and I won’t get in trouble,* Yossi thought. *But deep inside, I’ll know it wasn’t really my work.*

He looked around the room.
*Busha means feeling shame before doing the wrong thing,* he thought. *If I copy, I might escape embarrassment now, but later I’ll feel even worse.*

Yossi had to decide: admit his mistake or take the shortcut.

Solve it: What should Yossi do?

* A) Copy Moshe’s paper so he won’t get caught without homework.
* B) Admit to Rebbi that he forgot his homework and accept the consequence.
* C) Hide the fact he didn’t do the homework and hope Rebbi won’t notice.

## Case 2

At recess, the boys were passing around Yaakov’s pencil box, pretending it was a toy car. Suddenly it slipped, cracked, and the lid broke. Everyone went quiet as Yaakov walked back to the group.

*If I admit I was part of this, I’ll be embarrassed,* Shimon thought. *But if I stay quiet, Yaakov will think someone else did it.*

*Busha means my conscience reminds me of the right thing,* he thought. *Even if I feel shame now, honesty is more important than hiding.*

Solve it: What should Shimon do?

* A) Admit to Yaakov that he was part of breaking the box and say he’s sorry.
* B) Stay quiet and hope Yaakov blames someone else.
* C) Pretend he wasn’t there when it broke.