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 **Middah Master Lesson 18**

**נְדִיבוּת – Nedivus (Generosity, giving, open-heartedness)**
Opposite: עַיִן הָרַע – Ayin Hara (stinginess, begrudging attitude).

## Case 1: The Extra Snack

Moshe unzipped his lunch bag and blinked. Inside were two snack packs instead of one — his mother must have packed an extra by mistake. At the next table, Levi sat with his hands folded. “I forgot my snack today,” Levi muttered when someone asked. His stomach gave a loud growl, and a few boys chuckled.

Moshe held the extra snack in his hand. One boy whispered, “Lucky! You can save that for later.” Moshe glanced at Levi’s empty desk. *Nedivus means sharing open-heartedly,* he thought. He could keep both for himself or offer one to Levi and make his day better.

Solve it: What should Moshe do?

* A) Keep the extra snack for later so he has more for himself. (❌ Not good – This is stingy and not generous.)
* B) Offer the extra snack to Levi so he has something to eat. (✅ Best – This shows Nedivus, open-hearted generosity.)
* C) Wait to see if Levi asks him for it first. (⚠️ Okay – At least Levi might get it, but it misses true generosity.)

## Case 2: The Tzedakah Box

The pushka clinked as it moved from desk to desk. Some boys gave happily, but a few just pretended until Rebbi glanced their way. Avi felt two shiny coins in his pocket — the exact amount he had been saving for a special snack at the canteen later that day. “If I give one away,” he thought, “I won’t have enough for the treat I’ve been waiting for.”

The pushka reached his desk with a heavy thud. A boy behind him whispered, “Don’t waste it, Avi. Save your coins.” Avi rolled them in his palm, hearing the sound of mitzvos already filling the box. He knew Nedivus wasn’t just about giving — it was about showing Hashem he trusted that generosity never makes you lose. If he gave with a smile, he wouldn’t just be giving up a coin — he’d be showing what was really in his heart.

Solve it: What should Avi do?

* A) Put a coin in the pushka with a smile, showing he’s happy to give. (✅ Best – This shows Nedivus, generosity from the heart.)
* B) Hold back the money so he has more for himself later. (❌ Not good – This is Ayin Hara, stinginess.)
* C) Give only if Rebbi is watching. (❌ Not good – This is giving without Nedivus, since it’s not from the heart.)

## Teacher’s Note

Nedivus means giving generously and with a good heart, not begrudgingly. Moshe showed Nedivus by sharing his snack, and Avi showed it by giving tzedakah happily. Without Nedivus, boys become selfish and closed off. With Nedivus, they make others feel cared for and bring brachah into their lives.

## Quick Facilitation Tips

* Generosity Game: Give boys small items (stickers, pencils) and ask them to share with a partner. Discuss how it feels to give and receive.
* Role-Play: Pretend one boy has an extra snack while another forgot his. Act out generous and stingy reactions.
* Exit Ticket: Write one way you showed Nedivus today.