

never venture my own opinion in *halachic* matters.) I wrote a follow-up article with the back-and-forth on the topic; however, in that second article, which was published sometime after Purim, I mentioned the opinion of a well-known and accepted Israeli *posek* that one should not *toivel* an item that was for sale unless he owns it already. That Pesach night I was walking Rav Dovid home and I asked him his opinion on the matter. He became somewhat excited and said, "One person's *chumrah* doesn't change 400 years of *halachah*!" He felt that if the *halachah* was true that an item needs to be acquired before *tevilah*, it should have been mentioned in the *poskim*. Even if an item fell into the *mikveh* by itself, the *tevilah* is valid.

I was left wondering why Rav Dovid seemed to be so agitated by this question. After I wished Rav Dovid a good *yom tov*, his grandson Shlomo Fishelis approached me and said, "It's funny that you asked