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## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

There is a party of 100 high-powered politicians. All of them are either honest or liars. You walk in knowing two things:

- At least one of them is honest.
- If you take any two politicians, at least one of them is a liar.

From this information, can you know how many are liars and how many are honest?

**Answer will be in next weeks newsletter**

### *Answer to last weeks riddle*

What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

**Answer: NOON**

## STORY OF THE WEEK

Although the sick man visited one doctor after another, no one could help. In desperation, he traveled to the great sage Reb Mordechai of Neshchiz and asked for his advice.

"I suggest you consult the Master of Anipola," Reb Mordechai said. "I'm sure He can help!"

So the sick man hired a wagon and wagon driver. When he finally reached the little village of

Anipola, the sick man asked for the Master of Anipola. "There's no doctor or master here!" the villagers replied.

Shocked and confused, the sick man traveled all the way back to Neshchiz, and told Reb Mordechai what happened. The great sage wasn't surprised. "With no doctor, how do you think the people get help?" he asked.

"They must ask G-d to heal them," the man replied. "That's the Master I was talking about!" Reb Mordechai said. "Ask Him, and He will help you, too."

The sick man followed Reb Mordechai's advice. A short time later, he was cured.



## TRIVIA QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Why do we take three steps back and forth before Shmoneh Esrei?

The first one to come to Rabbi Eli with the answer by the Kiddush Will get something special—if you try to tell Rabbi Eli the answer beforehand, you will be disqualified.

Last weeks trivia question:

Why do we take three steps back and forth before Shmoneh Esrei?

The correct answer was given by Shaiky Bergstein:

It is a custom to take three steps back (even though, this is not mentioned in early Poskim)

The reasons: 1) It is done as in order to take three steps forward one must first take three steps backwards. [Kitzur Shelah ibid; See Elya Raba ibid] 2) It is done to represent the three Milin that the Jewish people were distanced from Har Sinai, and then came close. [Chut Hashani ibid] 3) It is done based on Kabalistic reasons. [Ben Ish Chaivy ibid] 4) It shows that one is fearful of G-d, and hence distances himself before coming close. [Kaf Hachaim ibid; Piskeiy Teshuvos 95 footnote 14]