

# מסכת חגיגה דף ג

# DAF YOMI<sup>4</sup> KIDS

## Inside the Daf

At the end of every seven years during the סוכות Festival, the Jewish people would gather to hear the king of Israel read from the Torah in the עֶזְרַת נָשִׁים (Women's Courtyard) of the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple). This gathering was called, "הַקְהָל."

Once, two scholars visited the sage רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ in the city of פְּקִיעִין.

"Did you learn anything new today in the study hall?" asked רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ.

At first the scholars wanted to delay sharing what they had learned. Eventually they told רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ that they had just learned the portion about הַקְהָל.

The scholars described how they learned the verse describing the הַקְהָל gathering "הַקְהָל אֶת הָעָם הָאֲנָשִׁים וְהַנְּשִׂים וְהַטַּף", "gather the nation, the men, the women and the little children" (דברים לא, יב, Deut. 31,12).

"The men came to the הַקְהָל gathering to learn," explained the scholars, "and the women came to listen, but why do the little children come? They are too young to learn or listen to anything! The reason they are commanded to come is so the people bringing them will receive a reward."

רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ was impressed with this insight and upset that the scholars wanted to delay sharing this information.

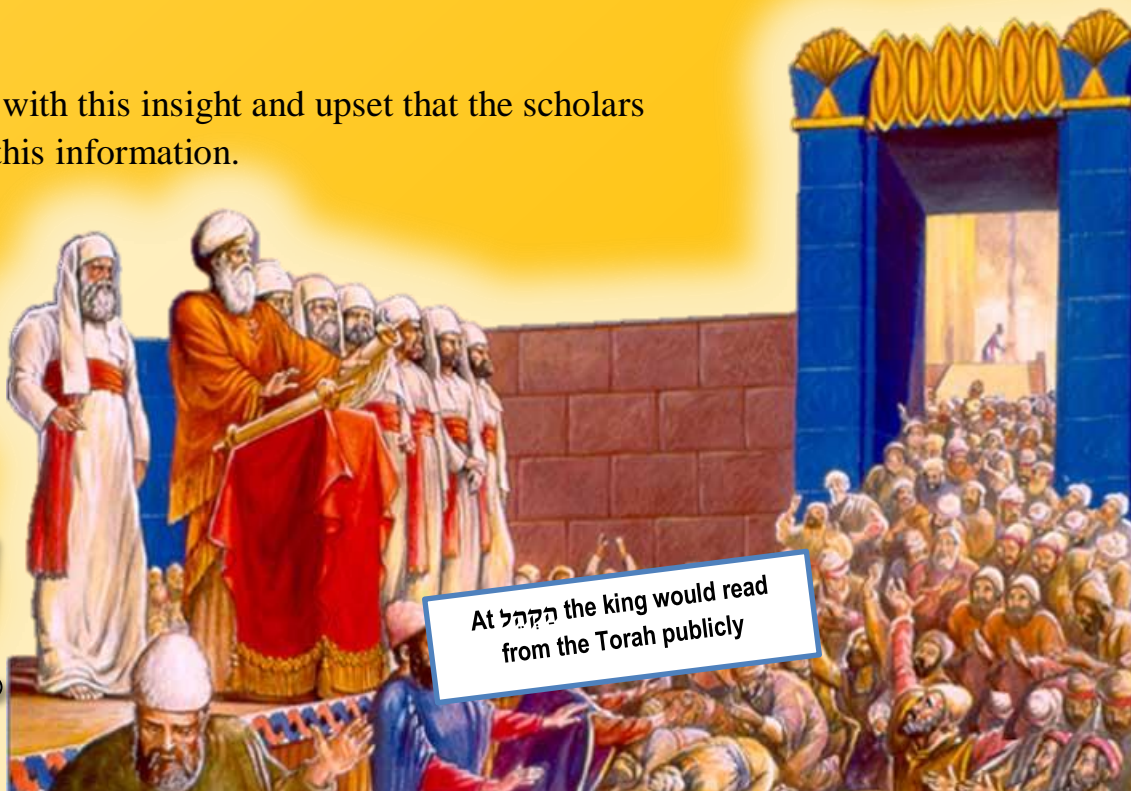
"A precious stone was in your hand and you wanted to have me lose it!"  
exclaimed רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ.

WORD OF THE DAY:

חַיִּב

"LIABLE"

At הַקְהָל the king would read from the Torah publicly



# שוטה



The מְשֻׁתָּה teaches that a שוטה, or mentally unstable person, does not have to participate in the commandment of going up to the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple) three times a year.

רַב הוֹנָא explains that a שוטה is someone who

wanders alone at night, sleeps overnight in a cemetery and tears his clothes for no reason. Doing only one of these acts is not enough.

If someone only sleeps in a cemetery, it doesn't mean he is a שוטה since he may think being near the dead will help him become a sorcerer.

If one only goes out alone at night, it could be he is suffering from a deep depression, or had a fever and needed fresh air.

If one rips his clothes for no reason, it is possible he was lost in deep thought and didn't know what he was doing. Once a person performs all three of these things, however, we may assume he is a שוטה.

## A מידה Moment

"Tommy!" called his mother, "could you please walk your brother to school today?"

"I can't believe you're asking me that! What a waste of my time," said Tommy.

"Taking your brother to school so he can learn Torah is not waste of time at all. Actually the Sages teach about the great reward people receive just for bringing their young children to hear the king read from the Torah."

"Now," continued his mother, "if someone receives a reward for taking a kid who is too young to even *understand* the Torah, imagine the reward for taking a child to school who does understand the Torah!"



## Did You Know...

רַבָּא says that the verse in (מז, י) תהלים (Psalms 47,10) that reads, "how lovely are your footsteps in sandals, O daughter of the prince!" means, "how lovely are the footsteps of Israel when they go up to celebrate the Festivals!"

## Games

What's the word?

Find the hidden word by crossing out the sounds that appear 4 or more times. (What does it mean?)

ק	ה	ל	ק	ל	ק	ה	ה	ל	ה	ק
ל	ה	ק	ל	ק	ה	ה	ל	ק	ק	ק
ק	ה	ק	ה	ל	ה	ל	ק	ל	ה	ה

## Review Questions – חגיגה דף ג'

1. What is an "תקחל"?
2. What is a "שוטה"?
3. How does רַבָּא explain (מז, י) תהלים (Psalms 47,10)?