

# מסכת חגיגה דף יג

# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Two of the most difficult passages of the Torah are **מַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית** (Account of Creation) and **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה** (Account of the Chariot). **מַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית** is a **בְּרִיתָא** that discusses the details of the world's creation. **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה** is a **בְּרִיתָא** explaining the prophet **יְחִזְקֵאל**'s (Ezekiel) vision of four angels carrying the throne of Hashem's glory.

These texts are very difficult to understand. **רַבֵּי אֲמִי** says that one may not learn them at all unless one is: 1) at least fifty years old; 2) respected; 3) an adviser; 4) a teacher of the wise; 5) one who understands secrets.

Once, **רַבֵּי יוֹחָנָן** offered to teach **רַבֵּי אֶלְעָזָר** about **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה**.

"I'm not old enough," said **רַבֵּי אֶלְעָזָר**.

When **רַבֵּי אֶלְעָזָר** became old enough and **רַבֵּי יוֹחָנָן** had passed away, **רַב אַסִּי** offered to teach him **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה**.

**רַבֵּי אֶלְעָזָר** refused. "If I was meant to learn **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה**," said **רַבֵּי אֶלְעָזָר**, "I would have merited to learn it from **רַבֵּי יוֹחָנָן**."

**רַב יוֹסֵף** had learned **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה** and elders of the school at **פּוּמְבַדִּיתָא** had learned **מַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית**. The elders of **פּוּמְבַדִּיתָא** asked **רַב יוֹסֵף** to teach them **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה**. **רַב יוֹסֵף** agreed, but only if they would teach him **מַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית**. The elders agreed but when it was **רַב יוֹסֵף**'s turn to teach **מַעֲשֵׂה מְרֻכְבָּה** he refused. **רַב יוֹסֵף** saw that the elders did not have all the traits needed to understand this topic.



### Did You Know...

One may not teach Torah to a non-Jew, as the verse says, "לא עָשָׂה כֵן לְכָל גּוֹי וּמִשְׁפָּטִים בִּלְיָדָעִים", "He did not do this [give the Torah] to any other nation, and such laws they do not know," (תהלים קמז, יט-כ) (Ps. 147, 19-20).

WORD OF THE DAY:

רְשׁוּת

"PERMISSION"



