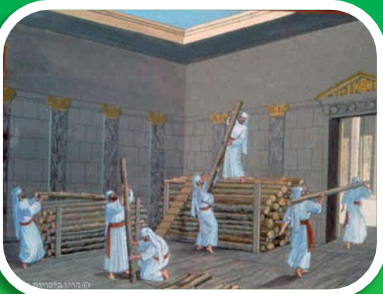


מסכת מגילה דף ה

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

After teaching that we do not read the מגילה on the Sabbath, the Talmud teaches of other events that are not done on the Sabbath:



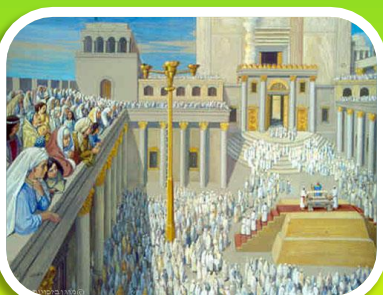
עצי כהנים - Wood offering of the כהנים. Certain families of כהנים donated wood to the Temple on a set date each year. If the date fell on the Sabbath the wood offering was delayed until Sunday.



תשעה באב - The 9th of אב is a day of fasting and mourning. On this date many sad events happened. We don't fast or mourn on the Sabbath so if the 9th of אב falls out then, these activities are delayed until Sunday.



חגיגה - Festival Peace Offering. Adult Jewish men had to offer a sacrifice in the בית המקדש (Holy Temple) on the festivals of סוכות, פסח and שבועות. If these festivals fall on the Sabbath, the offering is delayed until Sunday.



הקהל - Assembly. The Torah commands every man, woman and child to gather together every 50th year. This took place on the second evening of סוכות. If this time fell on the Sabbath, the Assembly was pushed off until Sunday.

Did You Know...

The sage, חזקיה, was not sure if the city of טבריא (Tiberias) was walled at the time of יהושע (Joshua). He therefore read the מגילה there both on the 14th of אדר and on the 15th.



WORDS OF THE DAY:

אֵינָהּ

"IT IS NOT"

Working on Purim



We all know that Purim is a happy day. In fact, in the Book of אֶסְתֵּר (ט, ט, Esther 9,19) it says that the day should be for "שְׂמֵחָה וּמִשְׁתָּה וַיּוֹם טוֹב", "happiness, feasting and a festival."

Since Purim is a day of שְׂמֵחָה (happiness), we may not give a **eulogy***

on that day. Since it is a day of מִשְׁתָּה (feasting) we may not fast. It is a יוֹם טוֹב (festival), meaning, work is not allowed on Purim similar to other festivals.

However, when the Jewish people accepted the Purim festival they accepted it only for "happiness" and "feasting" – not as a "festival." We are therefore allowed to work on Purim.

Even so, in history there have been communities where the custom was to not work on Purim. Once, the sage רב saw someone in such a community sowing flax on Purim. רב cursed him and the man's flax did not grow! (The sage, רבי, planted a shoot on Purim since he lived in a community where work was allowed on Purim).

A מידה Moment

"Oh no!" exclaimed Michael seeing the traffic jam in front of them. "We'll never get to the concert on time!"

"Don't despair too early, Michael," said his father. "In today's *daf yomi* we learn that if the fast of the 9th of אב falls on the Sabbath, we postpone it until the next day. Why don't we *advance* the fast day to Friday? Because we don't advance despairing. Let's learn a lesson from this: Don't despair before the time for despair has arrived. And look at that....the traffic is clearing up!"

Eulogize:
 (eu•lo•jize)
 to speak, or write, high praise of a dead person

Find The Differences

Find 10 differences between the two pictures.



Games

Review Questions – מגילה דף ה'

1. Name an event that is pushed off if it falls on the Sabbath.
2. Which Purim "rule" did the Jewish people not accept upon themselves?
3. Which city was חֲזָקָה unsure was walled at the time of Joshua?