DAF YOMI 4 KiDS

Inside the Daf

One of our Matriarchs is רָחֵל (Rachel) whom the גְּמָרָא praises for her exceptional modesty and sensitivity toward the feelings of others.

When our forefather, יַעֲקֹב (Jacob) asked רָחֵל to marry him, she answered,

רָחֵל's לָבָן tricked יַעֲקֹב into marrying רָחֵל's sister...and רָחֵל let it happen!

"Yes. But I warn you, my father (לָבָן) is a deceiver and you will not be able to outwit him."

"How will he deceive me?" asked יַעֲקֹב.

"I have an older sister," said רָחֵל, "and my father will not marry me off before she is married off."

At this point, יַעֲקֹב knew that לָבָן might try to trick him into marrying רָחֵל's sister. He devised a plan. יַעֲקֹב made up signs and taught them to רָחֵל. That way, יַעֲקֹב would be able to know if the woman he is marrying is really רָחֵל.

Before their wedding night, רָחֵל was worried about her older sister. How embarrassed would she be if יַעֲקֹב would ask her for the signs and she would not know them! רָחֵל taught her sister the signs to prevent her from being embarrassed, even though this meant she would be giving up her own ability to marry יַעֲקֹב.

Because of this modesty, רָחֵל merited to have King שָׁאוּל (Saul) descend from her who, in turn, merited to have אֶסְתֵּר descend from him.

WORD OF THE DAY:
מִינֵיה
"FROM HIM"

Did You Know…

If someone raises an orphan boy or girl in his house, it is as if he has fathered the child. This is seen from the fact the Torah says that Pharaoh's daughter gave birth to מֹשֶה (Moses) even though she just raised him.
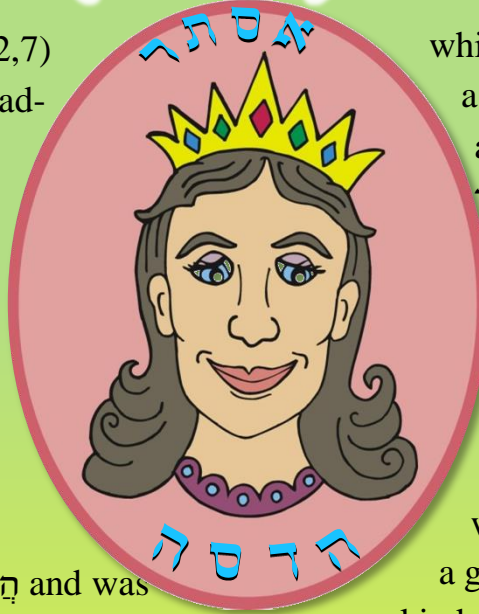
אֶסְתֵּר's (Esther) Real Name

In the Book of אֶסְתֵּר (ב,ז, Esther 2,7) we are told "הֲדַסָּה הִיא אֶסְתֵּר", "Hadassah is Esther."

Was her real name Hadassah or Esther? רַבִּי מֵאִיר says her real name was actually אֶסְתֵּר. She was nicknamed הֲדַסָּה meaning, "myrtle" since righteous people are called "myrtles" (see זכריה א,ח, Zech. 1,8).

רַבִּי יְהוּדָה says she was really הֲדַסָּה and was called אֶסְתֵּר from the word "הֶסְתֵּר" or "hidden" since she would hide the fact she was Jewish.

רַבִּי נְחֶמְיָה says הֲדַסָּה was her name and she was called אֶסְתֵּר from the word "אִסְתַּהַר"

which means "moon" in Aramaic, as if to say she was as beautiful as the moon. בֶּן עַזַּאי says that הֲדַסָּה was אֶסְתֵּר's nickname since she was neither tall nor short but rather average in height, like a myrtle.

רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן קָרְחָה also says her name was אֶסְתֵּר but she was called הֲדַסָּה since she had a greenish face. Hashem, in His kindness, made her appear beautiful to the nations of the world and to king אֲחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ.

מָדוֹת – A Moment

"Mom, guess what," said Chana. "Tomorrow they're going to announce who won the school drawing competition and my teacher told me in advance it's going to be me!"

"Congratulations, Chana," said her mother. "Didn't your sister also draw a picture for the competition? I hope she's not embarrassed when she finds out she didn't win..."

"Well, that will be her problem, won't it?" said Chana.

"Where's your sensitivity for other people's feelings? Remember what רָחֵל, our Matriarch, did to protect her sister's feelings. She gave up the man she wanted to marry just so her sister wouldn't be embarrassed! We see how much people should care for others' feelings."

Games

מְגִילָה דַּף י"ג – Review Questions

1. What did רָחֵל (Rachel) tell her sister?

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2. Give one reason why אֶסְתֵּר was called הֲדַסָּה.

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3. What do we learn from Pharaoh's daughter who "gave birth" to מֹשֶׁה (Moses)?

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What's the word?

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

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