

# DAF YOMA KIDS

## Inside-the-Daf



How humiliating! הָמֶן (Haman) had just been told by King אֲחַשְּׁוֵרוֹשׁ (Ahasuerus) to afford his archenemy, מֶּרְדְּכֵי (Mordecai) all the honor and glory befitting a king (see אָסתר וּ,י Es. 6,10). The גְּמָרָא goes into detail about this.

הָמֶן approached מֶרְדְּכֵי, royal garments in hand.

"Get up," said הָמָן, "and put these on. Ride this horse. The king wishes you to do so."

"It isn't proper to wear the garments of the

king looking the way I do," said מֶּרְדְּכֵי . "I must first go to the bathhouse and have my hair cut!"

Little known to הָמֶן, Queen אֶסְתֵּר (Esther) had all of the bathhouse attendants and all the barbers removed. So guess who would have to attend to מְּלְדְּכֵי himself!

When he was finished bathing and cutting מֶּרְדְּכֵי hair, מֶּרְדְּכֵי to get up on the horse. But מֶּרְדְּכֵי did not have the strength to do that himself. So מֶּרְדְּכֵי bent over and מָרְדְּכִי stepped on his back for support and got on the horse.

As הָמָן was leading מְרְדְּכִי through the streets, הָמָן 's daughter saw what was going on from a rooftop. She thought it was her father who was on the horse and מְרְדְּכִי who was leading it. She took her chamber pot and dumped it on הָמָן 's head. The villain looked up at her and when she saw it was her father, she fell off the roof and died.



#### Did You Know...

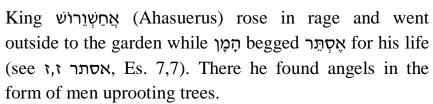
When מְגְלַת אֶסְתֵּר (Scroll of Esther) is read publicly, the names of הָמָן's ten sons must be said in one breath. This is because they all died at the same moment.



# זמָק 's Downfall

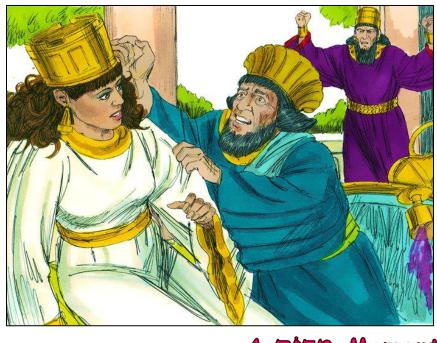
אָסְתֵּר (Esther) planned to expose יְּהָמֶן's plan to destroy the Jewish people at a banquet with the king, herself and הָמֶן. The נְּמָרָא describes what happened when she exposed הֻמֵּן's evil.

"הְּמָן does not care about any harm that comes to you, the king!" said אֶסְתֵּר. "He was jealous of your last wife, Vashti, and had her killed. Now he is jealous of me and wants to have me killed."



"What are you doing destroying my garden!" exclaimed the king.

"הָמָן ordered us to do this," said the angels, meaning he ordered the trees uprooted to be used as gallows upon which to hang the Jewish people.



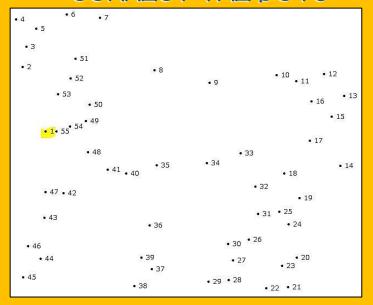
### Moment מְדוֹת A-Moment

Mrs. Horenfeld was distributing pieces of cake to her children. She was always careful that every child received the exact same amount.

"Can't I have a bigger piece of cake?" asked Kasriel, the oldest child. "After all, I am the biggest kid in the house."

"Kasriel," his mother said, "you've heard the story of how בַּעָלָי (Jacob) gave his son אָסָיֹי (Joseph) a coat and that this made his brothers very jealous. Did you that coat was worth only two coins? But still the brothers were jealous. We see from here that it is not right to show favoritism to one child over another even in a small amount."

#### CONNECT THE DOTS



## **Games**

#### Review Questions – מְגִילָה דַּף ט"ז

- 1. What did מֶרְדְּכֵי 's daughter do when she saw him leading מֶּרְדְּכֵי through the streets?
- 2. What did King אַחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ see in his garden?
- 3. What must be read in one breath when the Scroll of Esther is publicly read?