

מסכת מגילה דרסה

DAF YOMI4 KIDS

Inside the Daf



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

המן approached מְרֻדְכַי, royal garments in hand.

"Get up," said המן, "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 מְרֻדְכַי. "I must first go to the bathhouse and have my hair cut!"

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

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

As המן was leading מְרֻדְכַי through the streets, המן's daughter saw what was going on from a rooftop. She thought it was her father who was on the horse and מְרֻדְכַי who was leading it. She took her chamber pot and dumped it on המן'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 מגילת אֶסְתֵּר (Scroll of Esther) is read publicly, the names of המן's ten sons must be said in one breath. This is because they all died at the same moment.

WORDS OF THE DAY:

כָּל שֶׁכֵּן

"ALL THE MORE SO"

המֶן's Downfall

אֶסְתֵּר (Esther) planned to expose המֶן's plan to destroy the Jewish people at a banquet with the king, herself and המֶן. The גִּמְרָא describes what happened when she exposed המֶן's evil.

"המֶן 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."



King אַחַשְׁוֵרֶשׁ (Ahasuerus) rose in rage and went outside to the garden while המֶן begged אֶסְתֵּר for his life (see אסתר ז,ז, Es. 7,7). There he found angels in the form of men uprooting trees.

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

"המֶן 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.

A מְדוּת 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 יַעֲקֹב (Jacob) gave his son יוֹסֵף (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 – מגילה דף ט"ז

1. What did המֶן's daughter do when she saw him leading מְרֻדְכֵי through the streets?

2. What did King אַחַשְׁוֵרֶשׁ see in his garden?

3. What must be read in one breath when the Scroll of Esther is publicly read?