

מסכת
מגילה
דף כח

DAF YOMI⁴ KIDS

Inside the Daf

We have learned that the synagogue is a special holy place. Because it is so holy, there are certain activities that may not be done in a synagogue (see image, below).

The **מקרא** teaches that one may not use a synagogue to escape the weather. For example, if it is raining, one may not run into a synagogue just to stay dry.

Once, **רבינא** and **רב אבא בר מתנה** were having a Torah discussion with the sage, **רבא**. While they were talking it began to rain and the sages entered a synagogue to escape the downpour.

The sages explained that even though one may not enter a synagogue to escape the weather, they were allowed to enter the holy place because they needed a clear mind to properly discuss Torah topics. If they had stayed outside in the rain, they would not have been able to discuss the Torah topics properly.

Since they did not enter the synagogue to escape the rain for a personal reason, but rather to have a clear mind to discuss Torah, they were allowed to use the building for shelter.

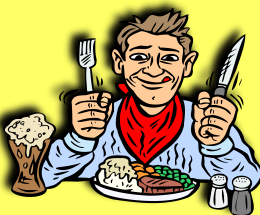
WHAT ONE MAY NOT DO IN A SYNAGOGUE



Joke



Eulogy



Eat / Drink



Adorn



Stroll



Escape the Weather

Using Scholars

רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ says one may not "use" a Torah scholar to perform a service.

When רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ was once travelling he reached a pool of water he could not cross. A man came along, hoisted רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ onto his shoulders and carried him across the water.

"Have you learned תנ"ך (Bible)?" asked רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ.

"Yes," the man answered.

"Have you learned מִשְׁנָה (Oral Law)?"

"I have learned two-thirds of the מִשְׁנָה," replied the man.

"You have learned two-thirds of מִשְׁנָה and yet you carry the son of רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ on your shoulders?!" said רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ, aghast. The sage was upset that he was using a Torah scholar to perform a service.

"Toss me into the water!" רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ insisted.

When the man refused, רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ taught him a Torah lesson. That way, the man would be רִישׁ לְקַיֵּשׁ's student and students are allowed to serve their teachers.



A Moment

Aaron's face was beet red with humiliation. In the middle of his public speech, Zevi, the class clown, had made fun of something Aaron had said. The whole class burst out laughing and Aaron just wanted to find a hole to disappear into.

After his speech, Aaron was still beet red, but this time it was out of anger instead of embarrassment.

"I'll show that Zevi!" vowed Aaron. "When he has *his* speech, I'll be sure to do something that will embarrass him."

"I don't know if that would be such a good idea," said Aaron's friend. "In *daf yomi* we learn that רבי נחמיה deserved a long life because he would overlook the wrong others did to him. Just let it go, Aaron. You'll feel calmer inside and in the end, you win."



Did You Know...

רבי נחמיה says that he was rewarded with long life because he never accepted gifts, did not take revenge against those who troubled him, and wasn't stingy with his money.

WORD OF THE DAY:

אֵין

"NOT / THERE ISN'T"

Games



Unscramble the English word for each activity one may not do in a synagogue

Review Questions – מגילה דף כ"ח

1. Give 2 examples of something one may not do in a synagogue.

2. What may one not use a Torah scholar for?

3. Give a reason רבי נחמיה deserved long life.

KJOE

SPCEAE

LRLOST

TEA

LEGOYU

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