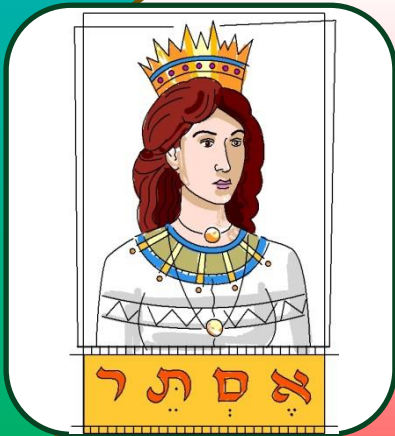


מסכת יוֹמָא דַּף כֵּס

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Inside The Daf



In the book of תְּהִלִּים (Psalms), Queen אֶסְתֵּר is compared to a "morning deer."

רַבִּי זִירָא explains why אֶסְתֵּר is compared to a "deer": אֶסְתֵּר was particularly beloved by king אַחַשְׁוֵרוּשׁ, like a female gazelle is beloved by its mate.

רַב אָסִי explains why אֶסְתֵּר is compared to "morning": Just as the morning is the end of the entire night, so too the miracle that אֶסְתֵּר helped bring (the Purim miracle) was the end of the miracles.

The גְּמָרָא asks, "What about the miracle of הַנוֹכַח?" didn't that miracle happen after אֶסְתֵּר's time? (See "Timeline") The answer is, רַב אָסִי meant that אֶסְתֵּר's miracle was the last one to be written down as a book of the תַּנְ"ךְ.

רַבִּי בְּנִימִין בֵּר יִפְתָּה in the name of אֶלְעָזָר says that the prayers of the righteous are compared to a deer because the more they pray, the more their prayers are answered, just like the antlers of a deer which split into more and more branches as it grows older.



Did You Know...

It is easier to learn something for the first time than it is to re-learn something you forgot. The גְּמָרָא compares this to cement that is ground into particles (something you forgot), which is harder to mix than fresh clay (something learned for the first time).

TIMELINE

The Purim miracle took place in the year 3404-3405 (357-356 BCE). The Chanukah miracle happened around the year 3596 (165 BCE).

Washing Up



Sometimes, the words of the מְשֻׁנָּה are not clear so the גְּמָרָא has to clarify them: On יום כְּפוּר, when the observer said: "It is daylight," they would take the כְּהֵן גְּדוּל down to the immerse himself in the מְקוּוֹה.

Our מְשֻׁנָּה (דף כח) stated: The rule in the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ was whoever had a bowel movement had to

immerse himself in the מְקוּוֹה.

Whoever urinated had to wash his hands and feet in the כֵּיּוֹר (Laver), a multi-spouted container that stood between the Altar and the Temple entrance.

The גְּמָרָא explains that one had to wash his feet in case droplets of urine fell on them when he was relieving himself.

A מְדוּת Moment

"Hey, Martin," Chanoch whispered to his friend. Martin turned around. "Mordechai's gone from his desk. Let's take his pencil! It'll be so funny to see him try to find it!"

"Do you really think that's a good idea?" Martin asked. "I know I wouldn't like that if someone did it to me."

"Okay then, forget it. You don't have to look so upset, Martin. I didn't actually *do* anything wrong. I just thought of it!"

"That's just it," Martin said. "In *daf yomi* today we learn that a bad thought is *worse* than a bad deed."

"How does that make any sense?" Chanoch asked. "Thoughts don't hurt anyone!"

"That's true. But if you do an עֲבִירָה (sin) you've done it only once. Having the wrong thoughts causes you to sin over and over again. If you fix your way of thinking, your actions will follow suit."

"I never thought of it that way, Martin," said Chanoch. "From now on, I'll be careful about the ideas I consider."

(דרשות הר"ן, דרוש ה)



סִימְנִיָּךְ
"YOUR MNEMONIC
(WAY TO REMEMBER)"

Games

Match!

Match the גְּמָרָא's נְמֻטֵל (subject of comparison, left) to its מְשֻׁל (allegory, right)

Review Questions – יוּמָא דְף כ"ט

1. Why is אֶצְטֵר compared to a morning deer?
2. What is learning something you forgot compared to?
3. Why was it necessary to wash the feet?

The end of summer is hotter than the beginning of summer - because the heat has built up throughout the summer.

...just like a barrel of vinegar, which gives off a powerful smell when pierced by a tiny hole.

Looking at the sun through a small gap in the clouds is more blinding than looking at it directly.

...just like it is easier to mix new clay than old cement in pieces.

The sun is more powerful on a cloudy day - because it pierces through the holes in the clouds with more force.

...just like an oven that was heated many times can be easily re-heated because of the built-up heat.

A fever is worse in winter than in summer - because it needs more heat to heat up the body.

...just like a person feels water more in small drops of rain than entering a pool of water directly.

It is easier to learn something new than to re-learn something after forgetting it.

...just like a cold oven, which requires more wood to heat than a warm oven.