

מסכת
חגיגה
דף יא

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Inside the Daf

Everything in the human body has limits. Eyes can only see for a certain distance. Ears can only hear sound of a certain volume and pitch, and the human mind cannot understand everything.

The מְשַׁנָּה says there are four things one should not investigate. We are told that whoever looks into these matters has no respect for the honor of his Creator. In fact, the מְשַׁנָּה says if someone investigates these four things...it would have been better for him not to have been born!

- 1) What is above and 2) what is below. This means what is above and below the heads of the חַיִּוֹת angels.
- 3) What is before and 4) what is after. That is, what is before the eastern border of the universe and what is beyond the western border.

The Torah says, " כִּי שָׁאַל נָא לְיָמִים רִאשֹׁנִים אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ לְפָנֶיךָ לְמֶן הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶדָם עַל הָאָרֶץ וְלִמְקוֹמָהּ " "When you ask now about the first days that were before you, from the day when Hashem created Man on the earth and from one edge of the heaven and until the edge of haven" (דברים, Deut. 4,32).

We see from here we are supposed to ask only of "the first days," not about what is before the creation of the universe.

WORD OF THE DAY:
כְּתִיבָא
"WRITTEN"

Did You Know...
Non-Jews are also warned against cursing Hashem and idolatry.

Measure of a מקוה

A מקוה is a ritual bath used to purify people and utensils. When the Torah commands someone who is טמא (impure) to purify himself in the מקוה, it says he must wash himself "in the water." "The" water means that מקוה water is different from an ordinary pool of water. A מקוה's waters must be gathered naturally, for example, from rain runoff.

A מקוה must contain at least forty קאָ of water (about 76 gallons, or 328 liters). How do we know that this much water is needed?

The Torah states that a טמא person must wash "all his flesh" in the מקוה waters. We see that the מקוה must be big enough to contain "all his flesh," that is, his entire body. A human body is, basically speaking, one אמה (cubit) wide, by one אמה thick by three אמות tall (an אמה is about 21.25 inches or 54 centimeters). This means the human body contains three cubic אמות. Three cubic אמות hold 40 קאָ of water.

A מדות Moment

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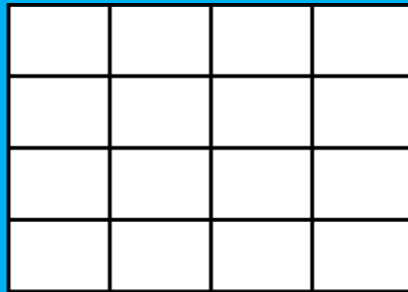
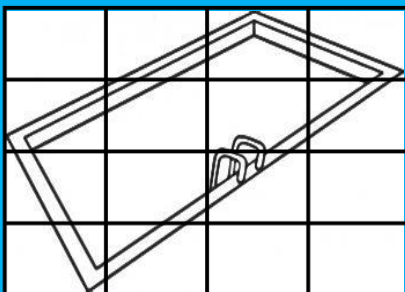
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Games

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Review Questions – חגיגה דף י"א

1. Give an example of a subject one shouldn't investigate.

2. What is the proper measure of a מקוה?

3. What are non-Jews also warned against?
