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מסכת מגילה

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Inside the Daf

רבי יהושע בן לוי tells us some facts about the מגילה reading.

Women are obligated to hear the מגילה reading. This is because the evil המן (Haman) planned to kill all Jews, young and old, including women. Since women were also saved by the miracle of Purim, they must hear the מגילה reading, too.

One must hear the מגילה on the night of Purim and on Purim day. Hearing the מגילה reading publicizes the Purim miracle and causes the listeners to praise Hashem.

When רבי יהושע בן לוי's students first heard this ruling, they thought their teacher meant that one must learn מסכת מגילה (Tractate מגילה) on Purim day. רבי חייא בר אבא set the record straight.

Even though the מגילה is not read on the Sabbath, if Purim falls out on the Sabbath, rabbis still must give public classes on the topic of Purim on that day. We might have thought that since the מגילה reading is cancelled on the Sabbath so are the classes. רבי יהושע בן לוי teaches that the classes still go on.

"Guess what, class?" asked their teacher, Rabbi Wyatt. "We're about to finish the school year and I've planned a party for the class."

The class cheered.

"Can we have pizza?" one kid asked.

"I'm not sure if I will be able to get any," the rabbi admitted. "So I don't want to make you expect something I can't deliver. We learn that the מגילה wasn't read on the Sabbath so poor people wouldn't be disappointed when they showed up and didn't get their Purim gifts. We learn not to set people up for disappointment."

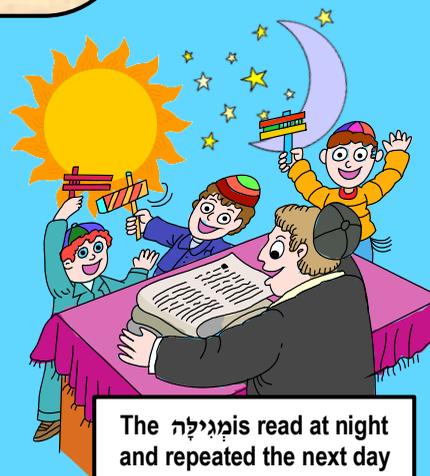
A Purim Moment



Purim classes are given on the Sabbath



Women must hear the מגילה reading



The מגילה is read at night and repeated the next day

Purim on the Sabbath

For most people, the מגילה is read on the 14th of אדר. But there's a time when the מגילה would not be read on that date. That's when the 14th of אדר falls on the Sabbath.

Why may we not read the מגילה on the Sabbath? First we have to understand that one is not allowed to carry something four אמות (cubits; about 7 ft or 2.1 m) in a public area. The Sages were worried that if the מגילה was read on the Sabbath, someone might need to go to an expert to learn how to read it. He would then carry the מגילה in a public area to take it to the expert! For this reason, the Sages decreed not to read the מגילה on the Sabbath.

רבי יוסף gives another reason. Gifts are given to the poor at the מגילה reading. Gifts cannot be given on the Sabbath because they cannot be carried through a public area. If we read the מגילה on the Sabbath, we would come to disappoint the poor who would show up to the מגילה reading on the Sabbath... but not receive their gifts!



Did You Know...

רבי חנינא says, villagers may read the מגילה earlier than the 14th of אדר as a reward to them for supplying food and water to the townsfolk all year round.



Games

Review Questions – מגילה דף ד'

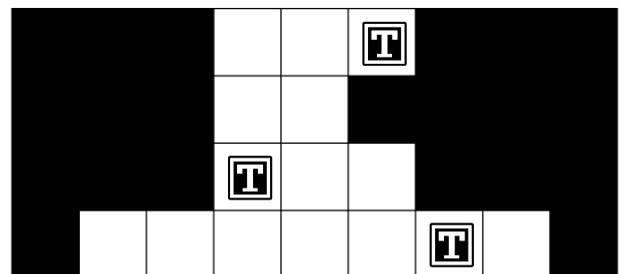
1. Even though the מגילה isn't read on the Sabbath, what do we do then?

2. If we read the מגילה on the Sabbath, what might happen?

3. According to רבי חנינא, why may villagers read the מגילה earlier than others?



Use the letters below to find the time we *don't* read the מגילה



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