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Inside the Daf



Are you allowed to get into an argument with an evil person? That's a question the גמרא tries to answer.

רבי יצחק says you had better watch out: If you see an evil person enjoying good fortune do not get into an argument with him. In fact, King David says "אל תתחר במרעים", "do not contend with evil men" (תהלים לו, א, Ps. 37,1). Not only that, says רבי יצחק, but the evil person will enjoy success. If you enter into a court case with him, he will win. And not only that, he will even witness the downfall of his enemies. The bottom line: Stay away from evil people enjoying good fortune!

in the name of רבי יוחנן says that one may enter into an argument with an evil person. After all, King Solomon writes, "עזבי תורה יהללו רשע ושמרי תורה יתגרו בם", "Those who abandon the Torah praise the evil person and those who keep to the Torah argue with them" (משלי כד, ד, Pr. 28,4). We clearly see that one may argue with the wicked.

The גמרא answers that we are not allowed to enter into an argument with the wicked when it comes to our own personal business. When it comes to defending Torah we are allowed to enter into an argument with such people.

WORD OF THE DAY:

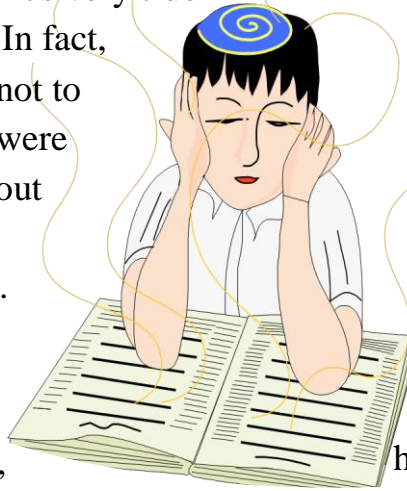
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"I FOUND"

Toil & Torah

Has anyone ever told you that you have to work hard in order to succeed? It's very true when it comes to Torah study. In fact, רבי יצחק goes so far as to say not to believe anyone who says they were successful at Torah study without really trying. Success in Torah comes only through hard work.

רבי יצחק also says if someone tells you they tried hard at Torah study but didn't succeed, don't believe them. But that's only when it comes to *understanding* one's learning in the first place. When it comes to *remembering* what one has learned, we may believe



someone who says they tried hard but did not succeed. Even if one makes a serious effort to remember Torah, he does not necessarily succeed. He still needs heavenly help.

רבי יצחק concludes we may believe only someone who says, "I have worked hard at Torah study *and* I have succeeded!" With hard work, anyone can succeed at Torah study (at their own level).

A Moment מְדוּת

Zevulun's father saw he was upset and asked him why.

"I've worked so hard at understanding this piece of גמרא we're learning in school and I *still* don't understand. I'll never get it!"

"Don't say that, Zevulun," said his father. "The גמרא says that if you truly work hard at Torah study you will succeed. Maybe the גמרא you are learning just hasn't been explained in a way that you can understand. Once it is explained to you according to your level, you'll succeed! Now, let me take a look at what you're learning..."

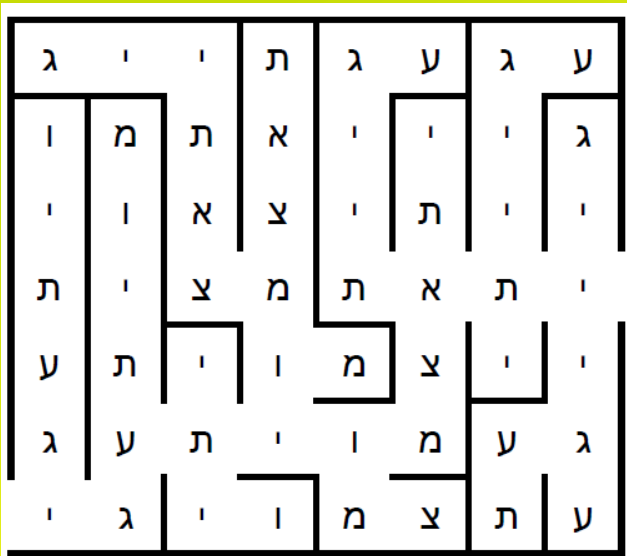


Did You Know...

The residents of the city of Caesarea caused the Jewish people a lot of pain until the Hasmoneans captured the city when the Greeks ruled in the Land of Israel.

WORDMAZE

Follow the phrase "יִגְעַתִּי וּמְצַאתִי" (I have worked hard at Torah and succeeded) to find your way out!



Games

Review Questions – מגילה דף ו'

1. According to the גמרא's conclusion, when may one argue with an evil person?

2. If someone claims to have not worked hard at Torah, but has succeeded, do we believe him?

3. When did the pain caused by the city of Caesarea stop?
