

DAF YOMI 4
KIDS

Inside-the-Daf

In the Book of Esther we read how אֶسְתֵּר (Esther) asked King אַחֲשֻׁרֹׁשׁ (Ahasuerus) to have a banquet (see אֶسְתֵּר ה, א, Es. 5,1). At this banquet, אֶסְתֵּר planned to ask the king to overturn the wicked decree of הָמָן (Haman) to destroy the Jewish people.

But אֶסְתֵּר does something strange. She invites her arch nemesis הָמָן to that very banquet! Why would she do such a thing?

אַחֲשֻׁרֹׁשׁ says, רְبָן גַּמְלַיאֵל knew that אֶסְתֵּר changed his mind a lot after he made a decision. At the banquet, she planned to expose הָמָן's plan and convince the king to execute him on the spot. That way, אַחֲשֻׁרֹׁשׁ would not be able to change his mind about killing the evil הָמָן.

רַבִּי אַלְיָזֶר הַמּוֹדָעִי explains that by inviting הָמָן to the banquet, אֶסְתֵּר wanted to make the king jealous. After all, by having הָמָן as the only other man present at the meal she was hinting that he was as special as the king.

רַבִּי מַאיְר says, הָמָן was enjoying good fortune at the time. אֶסְתֵּר feared that at any moment he might rebel against king אַחֲשֻׁרֹׁשׁ, and win. She invited him to the banquet to prevent him from preparing such a rebellion.



A מְדוֹת Moment

Marvin was happy he had the opportunity to make a clever comment in class.

"Where did you hear that from, Marvin?" asked his teacher.

"I heard it from my teacher last year," Marvin replied.

"Next time you quote something you heard from someone else," said his teacher, "make sure to say that you heard it from them. After all, today's *daf yomi* teaches that 'anyone who quotes something in the name of the person who said it, bring redemption to the world!'"

WORDS OF THE DAY:

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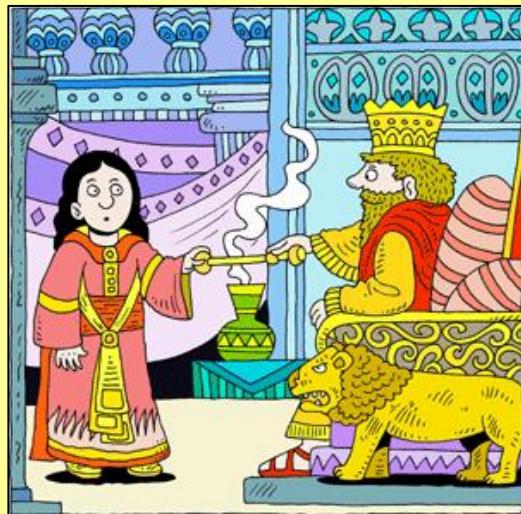
"IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE
(LIT. IT IS PEACEFUL)"

A Trip to the King

The נָגָמָה tells us about אַסְתָּר's trip to the king when she asked him to hold a banquet at which she revealed הַמָּן's evil plan.

At first, she was clothed with Hashem's Presence as she set out on her mission to the king. On her way through the palace to visit the king, she reached a room full of idols. At that point, Hashem's Presence left her.

She thought that Hashem's Presence may have left her because she had shown the king disrespect by calling him a dog. Whatever a ruler's shortcomings may be, we must always be



sure to show a ruler respect.

When she reached the king, Hashem had three angels come to her. One raised her neck which was drooping from fasting, one made her charming and the other angel made the king welcome her by having him extend the royal scepter in her direction.

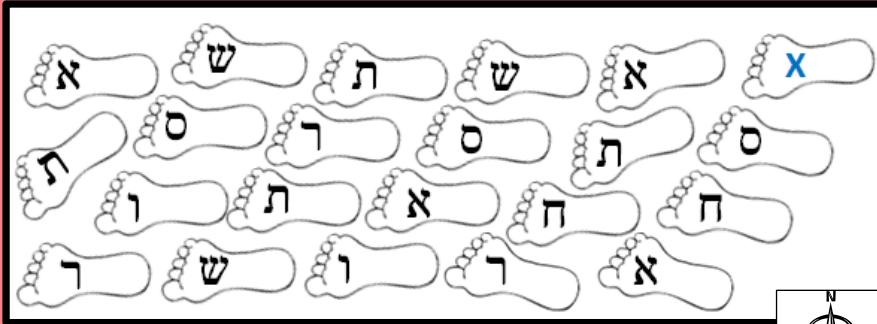
With Hashem's help, אַסְתָּר was successful in convincing the king to hold a banquet which saved the Jewish people.



Did You Know...

One should never take lightly the blessing of an ordinary person. King דוד (David) and נְצָרָאֵל (Daniel) were both blessed by ordinary people and both became the leaders of their generation.

How did Esther get to the king? Follow the directions and her footsteps. Each letter you land on spells a word from the *daf*. What does the words mean?



START AT THE DROP WITH THE X

1. Move 3 SOUTH
2. 2 WEST, 2 NORTH
3. 1 WEST, 1 NORTH
4. 1 WEST, 3 SOUTH

Games

מגילה דף טו

1. Give a reason why אַסְתָּר wanted to be at the banquet?

2. What left אַסְתָּר as she approached the king?

3. What should one never take lightly?
