

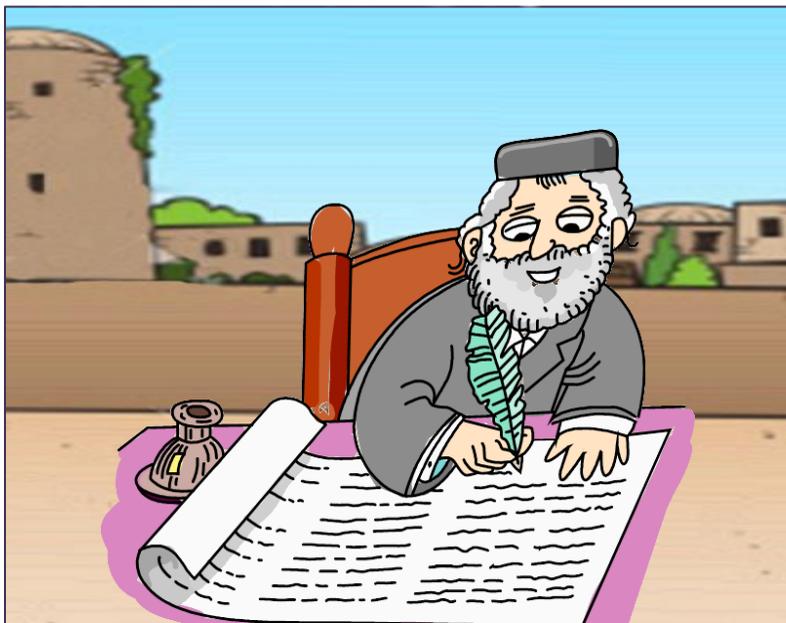
מסכת  
מגילה  
דף יח

# DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

There are some things that we know how to write by heart, and even more things that we do not.

When it comes to writing תנ"ך (Bible) scrolls by heart, רבה בר בר חנה says (in the name of רבי יוחנן) that one may not write even one letter from memory. Rather, the entire scroll must be copied from a text.



But once רבי מאיר travelled to עסא and had to stay over there on Purim. There was no מגלת אסתר (Scroll of Esther) to read from so רבי מאיר wrote one from memory and read from it.

How was רבי מאיר allowed to do this if one may not write תנ"ך scrolls from memory?

We are told that רבי מאיר knew the entire Torah so fluently it was as though it was always in front of his eyes. For רבי מאיר who had perfect recall of the Torah it was permitted to write מגלת אסתר from memory. For everyone else, it is not allowed.

Another answer is that רבי מאיר was in a difficult situation. If he didn't write a מגילה, he would not have been able to fulfill the important Purim מצוה of hearing the reading of מגלת אסתר. Since he was in a situation of great need, he was allowed to write מגלת אסתר from memory.

WORD OF THE DAY:  
**יָצָא**  
"FULFILLS HIS OBLIGATION"

! ? Did You Know...

Even though we may not write scrolls of תנ"ך from memory, רבי מאיר allowed a family of תפלין (phylactery) merchants to write תפלין and מזוזות from memory without copying from a text. This is because all are fluent in the words of תפלין and מזוזות.

# Meaning of Words



Have you ever had to look up a word in a dictionary because you didn't know what it meant? What if you didn't have a dictionary? What would you have done?

Believe it or not, there were some words that the Sages of the Talmud did not know the meaning of.

One example is the word "סירוגין." The משנה says if one

reads the מגילה "סירוגין" he fulfills his obligation. But what does "סירוגין" mean? The students of רבי did not know. That is, until they heard רבי's maid say to them as they were entering רבי's house a few at a time, "How long will you enter סירוגין סירוגין?"

The students figured that "סירוגין" must mean "pauses" or "gaps." The maid was asking the students how long they were going to enter the house "in gaps" and not together.

Similarly, the משנה means that if one read the מגילה and paused in the middle before continuing, he has fulfilled his obligation.

## A Moment

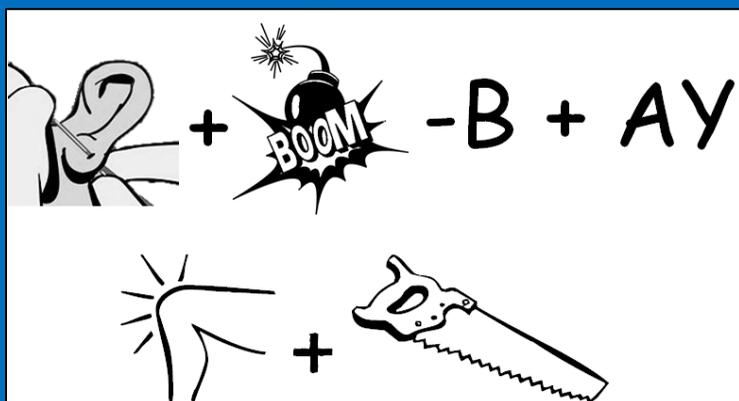
Ricky loved to talk. Sometimes he would talk so much he would drive everyone around him crazy and they would lose their temper with him.

"Ricky," his father told him one day, "The Talmud teaches, silence is the best medicine. Think twice before talking. Your silence just may 'cure' something! Like a bad headache. And there is a great value to peace and quiet."

## Games

### REBUS FUN!

Sound out the pictures to find the words.  
HINT: Publicizing the miracle



### Review Questions – מגילה דף י"ח

1. What may one not write by heart?  
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2. Which word did the students of רבי not know how to translate?  
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3. What did אבני allow a family of תבלין merchants to write by heart?  
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