

## Inside the Daf

We are obligated to hear the reading of מגילת אסתר (Scroll of Esther) twice on Purim. But how much of the מגילה does one have to hear?

In the Book of אסתר (ט, כט, Esther 9,29) it says, "וּתְכַתֵּב אֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה בֵּת אֲבִיחַיִל וּמֶרְדֵּכַי", "Queen Esther...and Moredcai, the Jew, wrote all the acts of power." We see from here that the most important parts of the מגילה are the parts that talk about "acts of power."

רבי מאיר says, for this reason one must hear the entire מגילה reading from beginning to end because "acts of power" refers to the power of אַחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ (Ahasuerus) and his power is talked about throughout the מגילה.

## "The Acts of Power"

רבי יהודה says one must hear the מגילה beginning from the verse יהודי" (ב,ה, 2,5) "איש", "A Jewish man," which introduces מֶרְדֵּכַי (Mordecai).



רבי יהודה holds that "acts of power" means the power of מֶרְדֵּכַי whose strength is introduced in this verse.

One must listen from "אחר הדברים האלה", "after these things" (א,ג, 3,1) which mentions הָמָן's promotion to power.



רבי יוסי says "acts of power" means the power of הָמָן (Haman).

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רבי שמעון בן יוחי says one must hear from "בַּלַּיְלָהָ הַהוּא", "That night" (א,ו, 6,1) when things take a turn in favor of the Jews.



רבי שמעון בן יוחי says "acts of power" is the power of the Purim miracle itself

## A מְדוּת Moment

Wally was happy to be visiting his friends in the large city of New Oldsville. He was so happy his hosts were making him feel so at home. His host had explained to Wally how important hospitality was.

"If someone who lives in a walled city stays only one night, the night of the 14th of אָדָר, in an unwalled city he must hear the מְגִילָה reading on that day. We see even if you stay in a city for only one day it is as if you live in that city permanently. I think we should extend this attitude to our guests. You stayed with us only one day, but please feel like our city is your city and feel at home."



## Did You Know...

On Mount Sinai, Hashem taught מֹשֶׁה (Moses) how to interpret every letter of the Torah, all the fine Rabbinic interpretations and everything the Sages would innovate in the future (such as the reading of מְגִלַּת אֶסְתֵּר, the Scroll of Esther).

### WORDS OF THE DAY:



אָמַר לֵיהּ

"HE SAID TO HIM"

## Games

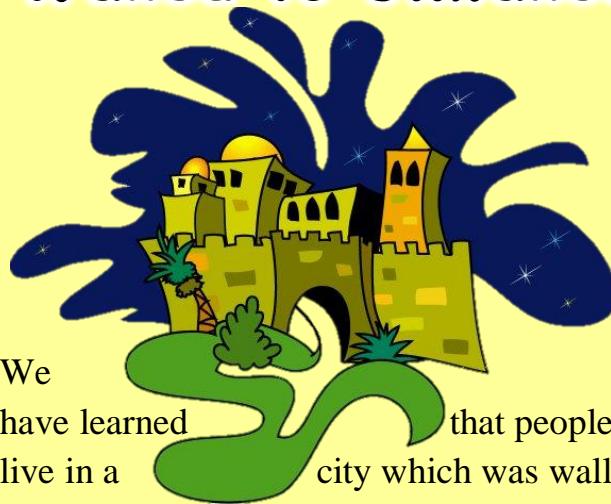
### Review Questions – מְגִילָה דף י"ט

1. Name one opinion about how much of the מְגִילָה one must hear on Purim.

2. If someone from a walled city stays in an unwalled city on the 14th of אָדָר, when does he hear the מְגִילָה reading?

3. Name one thing Hashem taught מֹשֶׁה on Mount Sinai.

## Walled to Unwalled



We have learned that people who live in a city which was walled in the days of יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Joshua) read the מְגִילָה on the 15th of אָדָר, and people who live in other cities read on the 14th.

What happens if someone living in a walled city travelled to an unwalled city for the 14th of אָדָר? When would he have to hear the מְגִילָה reading? רַבֵּא taught that if the man stays in the unwalled city on the night of the 14th, he must hear the מְגִילָה reading there. If he will return to his walled city on the night of the 14th, he may hear the מְגִילָה reading on the 15th of אָדָר.

Similarly, if someone who lives in an unwalled city visits a walled city, if he stays in the walled city on the 15th of אָדָר, he must hear the מְגִילָה reading there. If he returns to his hometown on the 14th, he reads the מְגִילָה there.

## GEMATRIA CODE:

Write the Hebrew letter for each number. What do the words mean? HINT: Mordechai

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