

מסכת
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Inside the Daf

The Torah says, "וְנִקְדַּשְׁתִּי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל", "I will be made holy among the Children of Israel" (ויקרא כב,לב, Lev. 22,32). From this the גמרא teaches that anything when a "דָּבָר שֶׁבְּקִדּוּשָׁה", a "matter of holiness" is being performed, ten men must be present.

Here are some examples of a "דָּבָר שֶׁבְּקִדּוּשָׁה":

Activities that require a מִנְיָן (ten men)



עוֹבְרִין לִפְנֵי הַתִּיבָה. Passing Before the Ark. The עמידה prayer is not repeated by the חזן (prayer leader) unless ten men are present.



נוֹשְׂאִין אֶת כַּפֵּיהֶם. Raising their Hands. The כהנים must raise their hands when they bless the Jewish people. A מִנְיָן is needed for this.



קוֹרִין בַּתּוֹרָה. Reading the Torah. When the Torah is read in public, ten men must be present for the Torah reading to count.



מִפְטִירִין בְּנְבִיאִים. Ending with the Prophets. When the הפטרה (section from the Prophets) is read in public, a מִנְיָן must be present.



בְּרַכַּת חַתָּמִים. Blessing for Grooms. The seven blessings recited over wine under the wedding canopy, and after meals during the first week of marriage, may only be said if a מִנְיָן is present.



מְזַמְּנִין בְּשֵׁם. Inviting with Hashem's Name. If ten (or more) men eat a meal together, Hashem's Name mentioned in the invitation for בְּרַכַּת הַמְּזוֹן (Grace After Meals).



Did You Know...

The prophet זְכַרְיָה (Zachariah) had another name, מְשֻׁלָּם. The name מְשֻׁלָּם comes from the root ש.ל.ם meaning "complete." זְכַרְיָה was called by this name because he was "complete" in his service to Hashem (he was righteous).



Torah Readers

When the Torah is read publicly, the reading is split up into a number of sections called עֲלִיּוֹת. Nowadays, before each of these sections is read, a man goes up to the Torah and recites a blessing. It used to be that the man would also read the section from the Torah.



So how many sections is a Torah reading divided into? The גְּמָרָא says that the Monday, Thursday and Sabbath afternoon Torah readings are divided into three sections. יום טוב (Festival) readings have five sections and the Sabbath morning Torah reading is divided into seven sections.

A Moment

"I'm so ashamed!" said Meshulem. "The other day I was in a store with some friends and we were talking really loudly. The owner of the store came up to us and said, 'I thought you religious boys would behave better.' I'm so embarrassed I made religious Jews look bad."

"Well," said Meshullem's friend, "there is something you can do to fix that."

"What's that?" asked Meshullem.

"You can make a קדוּשׁ ה' in public, something that makes Jewish people look good. Today's *daf yomi* quotes the verse, 'I will make Myself holy among the Children of Israel.' Hashem is 'made holy' when we act righteously in public. Not only that, but it can cure any חֲלוּל ה', desecration of Hashem's Name, that you may have done by making Jews look bad!"

(רבינו בחיי, ויקרא כב, לב)

Why should the readings be divided into three, five or seven sections? One answer is that the בְּרַכַּת כֹּהֲנִים (Priestly Blessing) has three verses, one with three words, one with five and one with seven verses.

Another answer is that the numbers three, five and seven are the numbers of royal helpers mentioned in different places in תַּנְיִן (Bible). For example, there were three guards in the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple) who looked after all the Temple's needs, five close companions of the king who sat with him constantly (מלכים ב' כה, יח-יט), and seven close advisers to the king in מְגִלַּת אֶסְתֵּר (Esther 1, 14).

Games



Mystery Word

Use the clues from our *daf* to find the word in blue

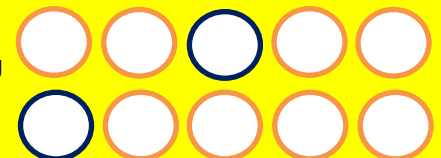
"Passing" before the Ark



"Raising" their hands



Reading the Torah



MYSTERY WORD:



Review Questions – מגילה דף כ"ג

1. List 3 things that ten men must be present for.

2. How many sections is the Torah reading divided into on the Sabbath morning?

3. What was זְכַרְיָה other name?
