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א' אלול תשע"ד

# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Someone may be excommunicated (מְנַדָּה) if he does not show up to court when he is called. The גְּמָרָא explains the process of excommunicating a person who does not show up to court.

### THE PROCESS OF EXCOMMUNICATION

- 1  An agent of the בית דין (Rabbinical Court) summons the accused to court.
- 2  The accused is told he will appear before a great judge
- 3  We set a date for the accused to appear in court
- 4  If the accused does not show up on the first date, we set a second date for him to appear
- 5  If the accused insults the messenger, he is allowed to report it to the court
- 6  We excommunicate someone who does not show up in court after being summoned there
- 7  We publicly announce the reason why the person was excommunicated
- 8  If one disobeys the Rabbis' commands, the court may take his property away and declare it ownerless

### A מְדוּתָה Moment

Menachem had a great question. He was told to ask the rabbi. He was surprised when the rabbi said he didn't know the answer.

"You don't?!" blurted Menachem. "But I thought you were a smart rabbi!"

The rabbi smiled. "רב יהודה once asked רב זוטרא בר טוביה a question that רב יהודה could not answer," he said. "רב יהודה was embarrassed by this. When רב זוטרא בר טוביה saw that he caused רב יהודה embarrassment, he excommunicated himself for a day to show how sorry he was. We see how sensitive we must be to not embarrass a rabbi!"

# The Humble Teacher



King David was so humble that he would sit on the ground while teaching Torah

We usually do not think of דוד המלך (King David) as a teacher, but the גמרא recounts how humble the king was in this position.

The גמרא explains that when דוד המלך taught Torah, he did not sit on mattresses or cushions, but rather in a lowly position on the ground. As long as King David's teacher, עירא הזאירי (Ira the Jairite) was alive he would teach the rabbis, including King David, while sitting on cushions and

mattresses. When עירא died, דוד would teach the rabbis while sitting on the ground.

"Let the master sit on cushions and mattresses," the rabbis pleaded with him. But King David did not listen.

As a reward for his humility, Hashem said to the king, "Since you lowered yourself by sitting on the ground while teaching Torah, you shall be like Me; just as I have the power to cancel My punishments, you will have the power to cancel My punishments, too."



## Did You Know...

When דוד המלך (King David) would study Torah, he would humble himself like a worm. When he went out to war, he would harden himself like wood.

WORD OF THE DAY:  
**אָף**  
"EVEN"

## Games

### מועד קטן דף ט"ז – Review Questions




1. Name 2 things the court does before excommunicating someone for not showing up in court.

2. What was דוד המלך (King David's) reward to humbling himself in Torah study?

3. How was דוד המלך's demeanour different when he was learning Torah and when he went out to war?

## REBUS FUN!

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