

מסכת תענית דף כג

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Inside the Daf



One day, the righteous sage חוּנִי המַעֲגֵל (Honi, the Circle Maker) was taking a walk and saw a man planting a carob tree.

"How many years does it take," asked חוּנִי, "before this tree bears fruit?"

"Seventy years," the man answered.

"Are you sure you will be alive by then?" asked חוּנִי. The sage

wondered why this man would waste his time working on something he would likely never see.

"When I was born," said the man, "I found a world with carob trees. Just like my ancestors planted those trees for me, so too, I plant trees for my children."

חוּנִי sat down, ate bread and fell asleep. He was hidden from sight and slept for seventy years!

When he woke up he saw someone who appeared to be the same man he had seen planting the carob tree. The man was picking some of the fruit off of the tree.

"Are you the man who planted this tree?" asked חוּנִי.

"I am his grandson," said the man.

At that point, חוּנִי realized he had slept for seventy years! Indeed, the "fruits" of the man's labor had truly paid off; just as others had planted trees for him, he planted a carob tree for others.

WORDS OF THE DAY:

כִּי הָוָה
"WHEN"

Did You Know...

Once, a pair of students asked רַבִּי יִצְחָק בֶּן אֶלְעָזָר to pray on their behalf to become wise. Their teacher answered that he could no longer do this.

Praying for Rain

אָבאָ was the grandson of Honi the Circle Maker (see pg. 7). When there was a need for rain the Sages would ask him to pray for mercy and rain would come.

Once when the world needed rain, the Sages sent a pair of rabbis to ask אָבאָ to pray for mercy.

He and his wife went up to the roof, stood in different corners, and prayed for rain. Clouds began to arrive at the corner where אָבאָ's wife was praying and rain began to fall.



אָבאָ's wife had her prayers answered first

When the rabbi and his wife came down, the rabbis asked why the rain had first arrived at the corner where אָבאָ's wife was praying and not where אָבאָ was praying.

"When poor people come to collect charity," explained

אָבאָ, "my wife gives them bread so they may eat right away. I give money to the poor which they cannot benefit from right away."

A Moment

"Hi, Steven," said Justin, "can I have my baseball glove back?"

"Sure," Steven said, passing him the glove.

"What have you been doing with it?" asked a wide-eyed Justin. "The stitches are coming off and it's all worn out."

"Aw, c'mon Justin," moaned Steven, "I was just using it."

"You can't be so rough and careless with other people's things" said Justin. "אָבאָ wouldn't even place wood on a borrowed cloak in case it would damage the clothing. After all, he had permission to wear the cloak but not to use it for wood. When you borrow other people's things you have to be extra careful not to ruin them!"

Games

Find The Differences

Find 10 differences between the two pictures.



Review Questions – תענית דף כ"ג

1. What did חוּנִי see when he took a walk?

2. What did a pair of students ask of אֶלְנָשִׁיב?

3. Why were the prayers of אָבאָ's wife answered before his?