

Sunday, November 16, 2014
יום ראשון 16טן שבט ה'תשע"ד

מסכת
יבמות
דף מג

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Inside the Daf

The 9th of אב is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. On that day, both the first and second בית המקדש (Holy Temple) were destroyed and many other calamities also happened on that day.

Since the 9th of Av is such a sad day, for the entire month of אב we are told to limit activities that lead to happiness. For example, during the month of אב we may not have a feast to celebrate a couple's engagement, people may not get married, one may not plant a garden or build a building of happiness.



Business

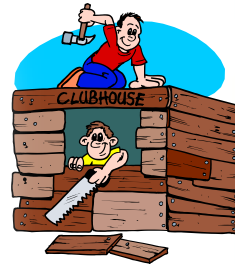


Commerce



Gardening

ACTIVITIES WE LIMIT
IN THE
MONTH OF אב



Building



Betrothal



Marriage



Did You Know...

Before a woman remarries after the death of her husband she must wait until a full 90 days are over. Once, someone prepared a marriage feast on the 90th day after a husband's death and אבא cancelled the feast!

WORD OF THE DAY:

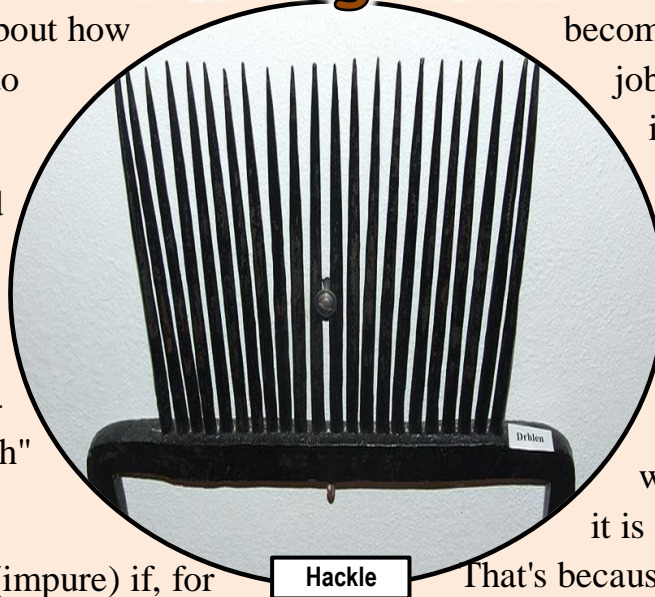
מנין

"FROM WHERE?"

Combing Wool

Have you ever thought about how flax from a field turns into linen for our clothing?

The flax must be combed by a tool called a "hackle" (מסרק של פשתן). A hackle, in the days of the Talmud, was a wooden comb with metal "teeth" (see picture).



Hackle

A tool can become טמא (impure) if, for example, it touches a dead body. But a tool can

become impure only if it can do its job. When it comes to a hackle, it can only do its job to comb flax if it has more than one metal "tooth." If the hackle has only one "tooth", it cannot become טמא because it cannot comb that is used for combing wool cannot become טמא if it is missing every second tooth.

That's because such a comb cannot comb wool properly. For wool to be properly combed, the comb's teeth must be close together to remove dirt trapped inside the wool.

A Moment - מְדוּת

"Yoav," said his father. "I see you have many absences from Torah class this term. Why?"

"I don't get why I have to sit in a boring classroom to learn Torah," said Yoav. "There are so many great English translations of the entire Torah. I can just read them on my own and know everything that will be taught in class!"

"The best way to learn Torah is from a teacher," explained his father. "In the גמרא we question how רבי חניינא could have known a teaching without hearing it first from his teacher. We see that the only way to truly know something in Torah is to hear it from a trusted source. Otherwise we can make a mistake in our understanding."

(אור יחזקאל, אמונה, קנט)

Games

Review Questions – יבמות דף מ"ג

1. Give 3 examples of what one may not do in the month of אב.

2. When does a flax hackle not become טמא (impure)?

3. Why did רבא cancel a wedding feast?



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