

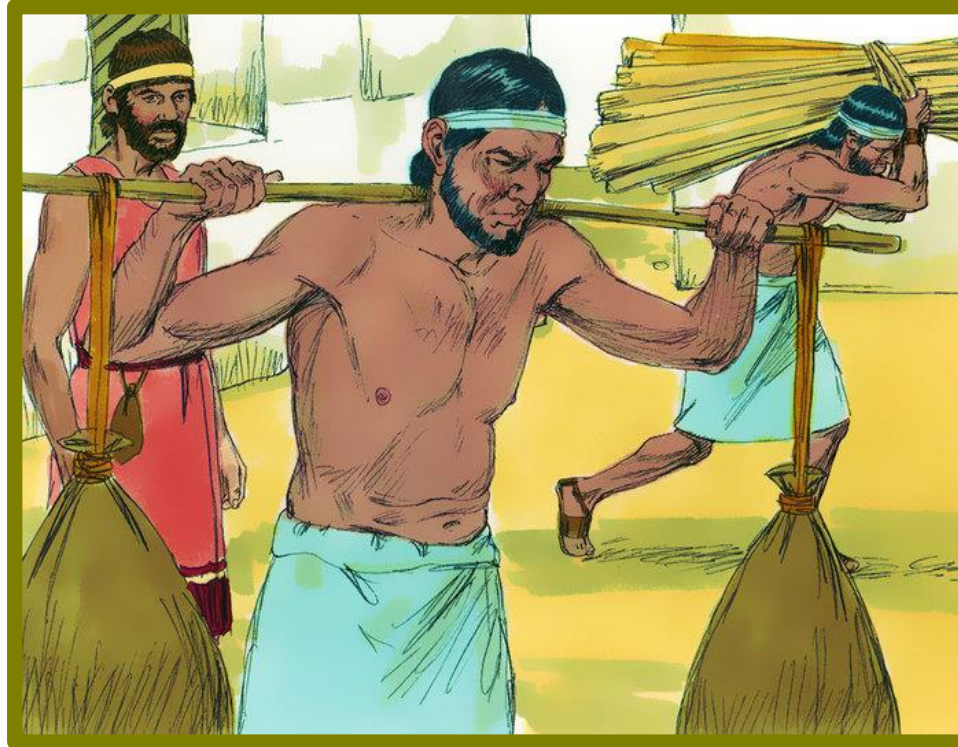
מסכת יבמות דף עט

DAF YOMI4 KIDS

Inside the Daf

In the time of דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ (King David) a famine ravaged the land of Israel (see pg. 42). When the king asked Hashem about the cause of the famine, he was told, "It is for שְׂאוּל (King Saul)...for having killed the גִּבְעוֹנִים (Gibeonites)."

King David called the Gibeonites and asked them what he could do so that they would forgive the Jewish people and end the famine.



The גִּבְעוֹנִים answered that they did not want any gold or silver but rather to kill seven descendants of King Saul in revenge.

King David agreed to their request.

רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן explains in the name of רַבִּי חִיָּיא בַר אֲבָי that if דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ had not agreed to the Gibeonites request, Hashem's Name would have been ruined in the eyes of the nations. King Saul took away the livelihood of the Gibeonites who were converts. Non-Jews were beginning to shame the Jewish people saying that they were an unworthy people to join. After all, hadn't they taken away the livelihood of converts and had not punished the wrongdoers?

When the descendants of שְׂאוּל were put to death, non-Jews would say, "See how these princes were punished for wronging converts! There is no nation more worthy to cling to than this one!"

WORD OF THE DAY:
בְּקִשׁוֹ
"THEY WANTED"

The Decree Against the Gibeonites



We have seen that דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ (King David) decreed that Jews may not marry the נְתִינִים, the descendants of the people who lied to יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Joshua) and tricked him into converting them.

The גְּמָרָא asks if it was in fact King David who made this decree, or if it was מֹשֶׁה (Moses). מֹשֶׁה mentions three groups of people: "Men of Israel" (people born Jewish), "converts" and "choppers of wood and drawers of water" (see דְּבָרִים כֵּטִי, Deut. 29,10). We see then that "choppers of wood and drawers of water" are neither "men of Israel" who can marry other Jews, nor "converts" who may do the same. So when the נְתִינִים were made into choppers of wood and drawers of water, מֹשֶׁה had already decreed that such people may not marry Jews!

The גְּמָרָא answers that מֹשֶׁה only meant that the choppers of wood and drawers of water in *his generation* may not marry Jews. דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ said that מֹשֶׁה's decree would be true in *all generations*.

A מְדוּתָה Moment

"What did you learn about in school today?" asked Zevi's mother.

"We learned about hunger in Africa. But who cares? I don't know those people anyway."

"How could you say you don't care? One of the qualities of the Jewish people is that they are merciful. It is very important to feel pity for those in need. Even if you don't know them!"



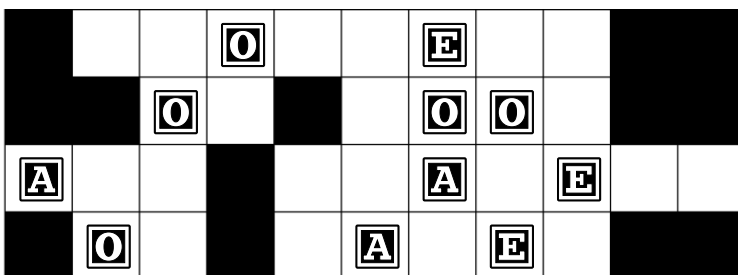
Did You Know...

The Jewish people have three qualities. They are merciful, bashful, and they perform acts of kindness.

Games



Use the letters below to fill in the phrase from today's *daf*



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Review Questions – יבמות דף ע"ט

1. When King David punished the descendants of אֲשָׁוָי, what did the non-Jews say?

2. For how long did מֹשֶׁה (Moses) decree against the choppers of wood and drawers of water?

3. What are the three qualities of the Jewish people?