

בישׁ לָקִישׁ says there are seven heavens above us. The גְּמָרָא explains the functions of these different heavens, some of which can be seen and some of which cannot. See the image below for the names and functions of these areas.



The importance of Torah study cannot be overstressed. בישׁ לָקִישׁ describes the importance and reward for engaging in Torah learning.

בישׁ לָקִישׁ says that if one involves himself in Torah study at night, Hashem will "pull a thread of kindness" over him by day. This means Hashem will make him appear charming in the eyes of other people.

This is how רֵישׁ לָקִישׁ understands the verse, "In the day Hashem will command His kindness, and at night His song is with me" (תהלים מב,ט, Ps. 42,9). This means, because at night one was with Hashem's "song" (Torah),

Torah-Study

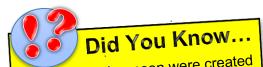


Hashem will give him kindness by day (charm).

Some say רֵישׁ לָקִישׁ says if someone works at Torah study in this world, Hashem will make him charming in the World to Come.

עבי לוי warns, if someone

pauses during his Torah learning to chat with someone about idle matters, he will be fed coals of wood! This shows the importance of not interrupting Torah study.



The sun and the moon were created on the first day but where only put in their places on the fourth day.

## A מדות Moment

"Zechariah," said his mother, "please help your brother move his desk into his room."

"Why should I help out?" asked Zechariah. "He can do it himself!"

"The Sages teach that one of the pillars upon which the world stands is זְחֶהֶ, kindness. Without kindness the world would literally collapse. Imagine a world where no one gave directions to anyone, or smiled at people or helped someone move a piece of furniture when asked to! When someone asks you for help, remember, if you can help but don't...you could be collapsing the world!"

## Game



Can you identify each Heaven?

- 1. I am the highest heaven
- 2. I contain the stars and sun
- 3. It might get a bit chilly...
- 4. Only angels are here
- 5. I am the lowest heaven

## Review Questions – חֲגִיגָה דַּף י"ב

- 1. Name one of the seven heavens and its role.
- 2. What does Hashem do for someone who studies Torah at night?
- 3. When were the sun and moon created?