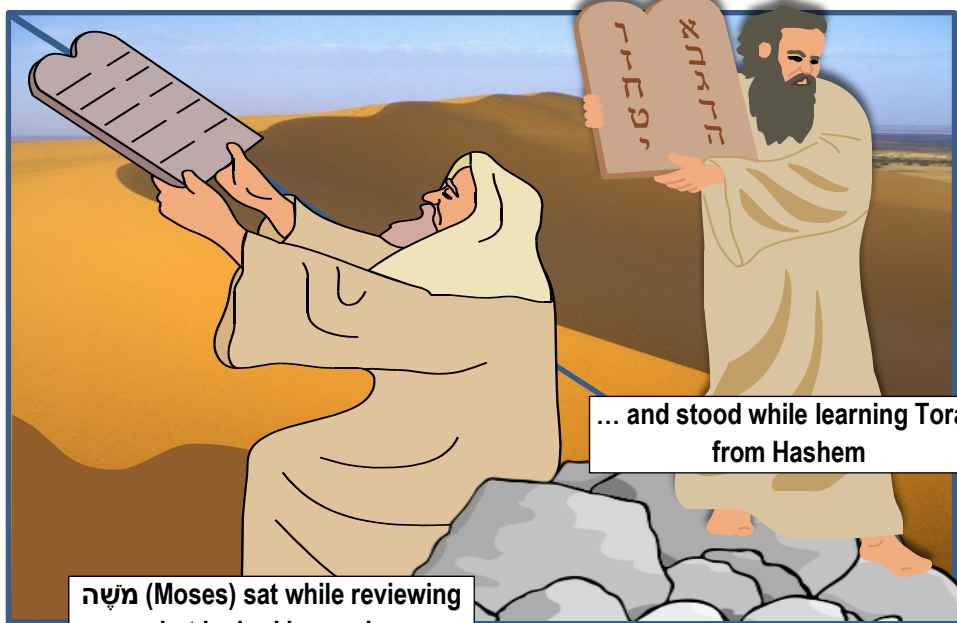


מסכת מגילה דף כא

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

Last time you heard the מגילה (Scroll of Esther) being read, did you notice if the reader was standing or sitting? According to the משנה, he is allowed to read the מגילה in either position. When it comes to the Torah reading, however, the reader must always be standing.



משה (Moses) sat while reviewing what he had learned ...

... and stood while learning Torah from Hashem

רבי אבהו points out that when Hashem taught משה (Moses) the Torah, He told him "ואתה פה עמד עמדי" (And you, **stand here with Me**," (see דברים ה, כח, Deut. 5,28). We see from here that we read the Torah to people while standing.

The גמרא points out what seems to be a contradiction. On the one hand, we just learned that משה stood while the Torah was taught to him. But another פסוק (verse) says that משה "sat" on Mount Sinai while learning the Torah (see דברים ט, ט, Deut. 9,9).

רבי explains that there is no contradiction at all. When משה learned the Torah from Hashem, he stood. When he *reviewed* by himself what he had learned, he sat.

רבי חנינא explains, that, in fact, both verses are correct: משה both stood and sat while he learned the Torah from Hashem. That is to say, משה was in a *bowing* position which may be described as standing or sitting.

רבי explains that משה stood while he studied the easy parts of the Torah, and sat while he learned the difficult sections.

WORD OF THE DAY:

הנה
"HERE"

Well "Versed"

We are taught that when the Torah is read in the synagogue, a minimum of ten פסוקים (verses) must be read. Why ten?

רבי יוסף says that we read ten verses for the Ten Commandments given at Sinai. רבי לוי explains that the ten Torah verses match the ten times "הַלְלוּקָה", "Praise G-d," is written in תהלים (Psalms).

רבי יוחנן says that we read ten verses because the world was created with ten statements by Hashem.

רבי יהושע בן לוי says that since there are supposed to be ten men in the community who have no job other than to be in the synagogue, we read ten verses from the Torah reading.

The ten verses used to be read by three people. Two people would each read three פסוקים, and one person would read four. רבא says, whoever is privileged to read four verses is praiseworthy!

A Moment

It was time for Talmud class and Nadav had taken out his volume of גמרא. He opened it to the right page, put his elbows on the tome and propped his head up with his hands.

His teacher was not impressed when he arrived in the classroom. Privately after class he spoke with his student.

"Nadav," said his teacher, "it is very important to show Torah study the respect it deserves. The גמרא teaches that רבן שמעון used to stand up when he would learn Torah. When he dies, the גמרא says the glory of Torah also ended since people no longer stood while it was being studied. We don't have to stand when we learn Torah, but we should be careful to give it proper respect by not leaning on Torah books!"



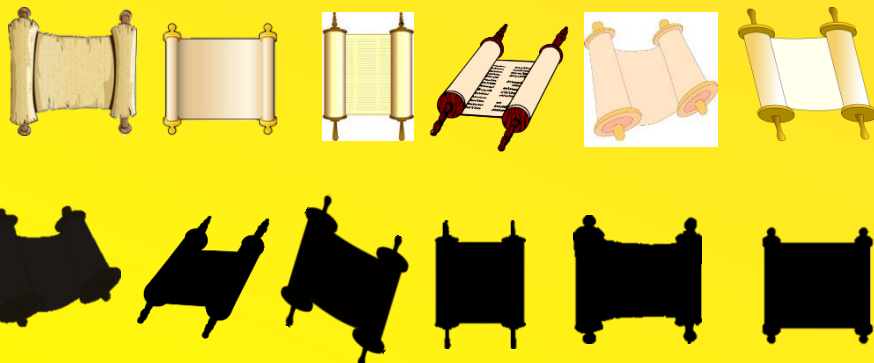
Did You Know...

Before the מגילה (Scroll of Esther) is read for the congregation, three blessings are said. One is said for the commandment of reading the מגילה, one praises Hashem for having performed miracles for our ancestors, and one thanks Hashem for having kept us alive until this time

Games

SHADOW MATCH

Match the shadows to the images in the picture.



Review Questions – מגילה דף כ"א

1. How do we know משה (Moses) stood while he was being taught Torah?

2. What is the minimum amount of פסוקים (verses) that are read during the Torah reading?

3. How many blessings may be recited before the מגילה is read for the congregation?