

מסכת

בויצה

דף לב

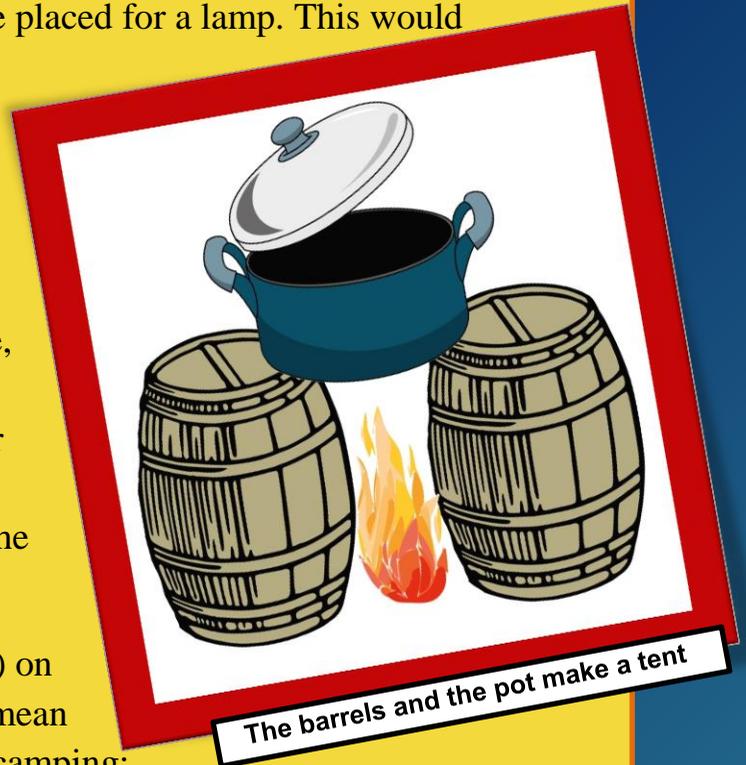
# DAF YOMI<sup>4</sup> KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Making a utensil, or תְּקוּן כְּלִי (Festivals). In the times of the מְשֻׁנָּה, wicks were placed in clay lamps with oil where they were lit to provide light. The מְשֻׁנָּה says that one may not take a clump of clay and press one's fist into it to make a hole where oil could be placed for a lamp. This would create a new utensil and is not allowed.

Just like making a utensil is not allowed on יָמֵי טוֹבִים, fixing a utensil is not allowed either. Sometimes, you don't even have to be really "fixing" a utensil to violate the prohibition of fixing a utensil. For example, ovens used to have plaster walls. If plaster pieces from the wall fell onto the oven floor they may not be swept away on a Festival. Sweeping away this debris is like "fixing" the oven.

One is also not allowed to build a tent (אֹהֶל) on the Sabbath or Festivals. This doesn't only mean one may not build the type of tent used for camping; one may not build anything that is even similar to a tent. For example, the מְשֻׁנָּה says that if you want to cook on a Festival, you may not place two barrels near each other in order to light a fire between them and place a pot with food on top of the barrels. The barrels and the pot make a "tent" which may not be built on a holy day.



The barrels and the pot make a tent

### A מְדוּת Moment

The beggar came into the synagogue every morning. During prayers, he would limp from person to person, his hand out, seeking alms.

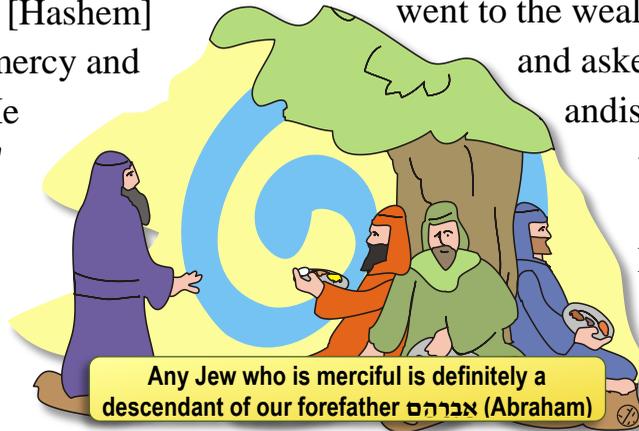
Mendy felt so badly for the elderly beggar. Mendy was just a kid, but he still tried to give the man at least something. His brother Yaakov on the other hand was less than sympathetic.

"He should go and get a job! He has some nerve to come in here begging like that!" Jacob once said to Mendy.

"How could you be so heartless?" asked Mendy. "The גְּמָרָא says that אַבְרָהָם's descendants have the trait of being merciful. It's one of the defining qualities of a Jew! Is it so hard to be merciful to an old man who can barely walk and has to shame himself by looking to others to support him? Have a heart!"

# Wealthy Babylonians

The Torah says, " וַנִּתֵּן לְךָ רַחֲמִים וְרַחֲמָדָּה ... וְכִפְאֵשׁ נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם", "And [Hashem] will give you the trait of mercy and show mercy to you...as He swore to your forefathers" (דברים יג, יח, Deut. 13,18.) Hashem gave the trait of mercy to our forefathers, אַבְרָהָם, יִצְחָק, and יַעֲקֹב (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and He will give the trait of mercy to their descendants.



Once, שְׁבַתַּי בַּר מְרִינוּס was in Babylon. He went to the wealthy men of Babylon and asked to borrow merchandise to sell. שְׁבַתַּי בַּר מְרִינוּס said he would sell the merchandise, keep half the profit and give the other half back to the lender. The wealthy men refused him. He asked them for food, but they would not feed him.

שְׁבַתַּי בַּר מְרִינוּס says, from here we learn that any Jew who is merciful is definitely a descendant of our forefather אַבְרָהָם, and any Jew who is not merciful has not descended from אַבְרָהָם.

שְׁבַתַּי בַּר מְרִינוּס declared that these wealthy Jews could not have descended from אַבְרָהָם since the forefather's descendants are merciful and these men are not!



## Did You Know...

Even though we may not sweep out an oven on a Festival, if the debris inside is causing the food in the oven to taste bad, the debris may be removed. When a half-brick fell in רַב חֲזִיָּא's oven on a Festival, he hinted to his wife to remove it so it would not cause the bread inside to taste bad.

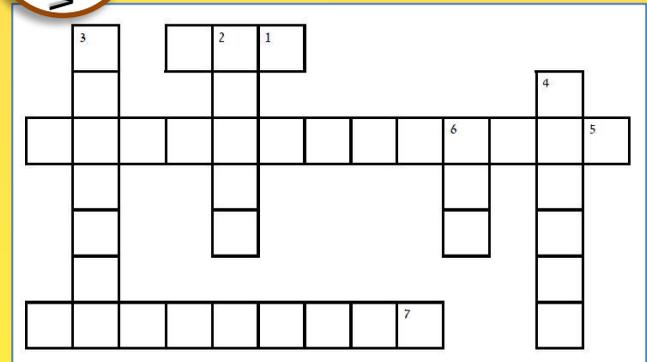
## WORD OF THE DAY:

מֵאֵן

"WHO?"

## Games

### Hebrew



## ביצה דף ל"ב - Review Questions

1. Give an example of making or fixing a utensil.  
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2. How can one tell if a Jew descended from אַבְרָהָם (Abraham)?  
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3. When may one sweep debris from an oven on a Festival?  
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### Across

1. Who?
5. Visited Babylon
7. Festivals

### Down

2. Forefather
3. Making a utensil
4. Hinted to remove a half-brick
6. Tent