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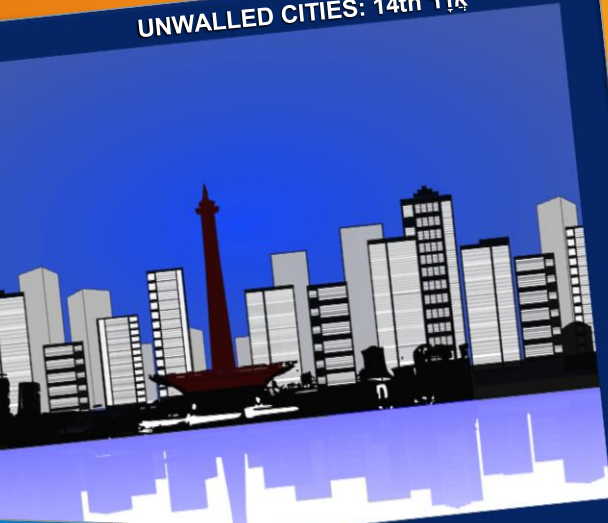
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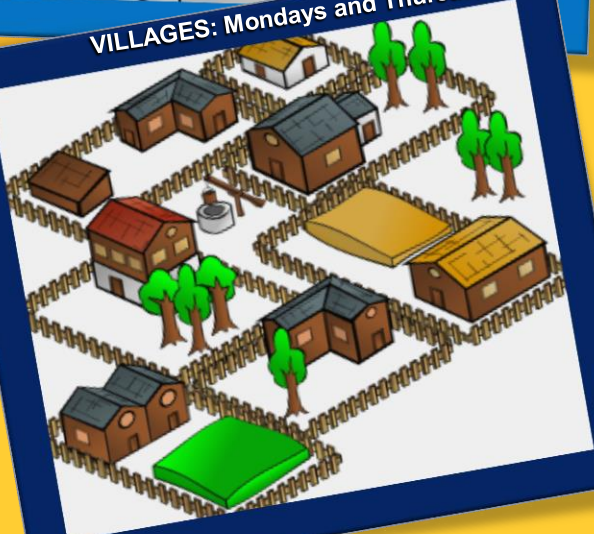
UNWALLED CITIES: 14th אדר



WALLED CITIES: 15th אדר



VILLAGES: Mondays and Thursdays



Tractate מגילה begins by telling us on which days the מגילה (Scroll of the Book of Esther) may be read. We are told that people living in large towns read the מגילה on the 14th of the month of אדר. People in cities that were surrounded with walls at the time of יהושע (Joshua) read the מגילה on the 15th of the month.

Villagers read the מגילה on the closest Monday or Thursday before Purim (14th of אדר). This means, if the 14th of אדר falls on Tuesday, villagers read on Monday, the 13th.

If the 14th falls on Wednesday, villagers read on Monday, the 12th of אדר.

If the 14th falls on Thursday (or Monday), villagers read the מגילה on that day.

If the 14th falls on Friday, villagers read on Thursday, the 13th.

If the 14th falls on the Sabbath, they read on Thursday, the 12th of אדר.

And if the 14th falls on Sunday, they read the מגילה on Thursday, the 11th.

Why do villagers read the מגילה on the closest Monday or Thursday before Purim (the 14th of אדר)? It used to be that people would come to larger towns every Monday and Thursday. Many times, villagers did not know how to read the מגילה and needed to get a townspeople to read it. The Sages allowed villagers to hear the מגילה when they came to town anyway on Monday and Thursday. This saved them the trouble of returning to town on Purim day.

Walled Cities

WORDS OF THE DAY:

הואיל ו...

"SINCE"

The מְשֻׁנָּה taught that cities that were surrounded by walls at the time of הוֹשֵׁעַ (Joshua) read the מְגִלָּה on the 15th of אֲדָר. The only exception to this rule is the city of



It says in the Book of אֶסְתֵּר (Esther 9,19): "עַל כֵּן הִיְהוּדִים הִפְרִיזוּם הַיְשָׁבִים

שֹׁשָׁן (Susa) where the Purim miracle happened. This city was walled at the time of the Purim miracle but not at the time of Joshua. They read the מְגִלָּה on the 15th of אֲדָר anyway since, at the time of the Purim miracle, they only rested from fighting the enemy on that date.

בְּעָרֵי הַפְּרִזוֹת עָשִׂים אֶת יוֹם אַרְבַּעָה עָשָׂר לְחֹדֶשׁ אֲדָר שְׂמֵחָה וּמְשֻׁתָּה"

"Therefore the Jews of unwalled places who live in unwalled cities make the fourteenth day of the month of Adar [for] happiness and feasting..."

A מְדוּתָה Moment

"Thank you for donating your second-hand clothing to the Nearly New Shop. Everything they sell goes directly to charity," said Mr. Fryman

"It's our pleasure," said Robert. "Now how do you get to the shop?"

"Oh, you know," said Mr. Fryman, "just go down the highway and you'll find it."

"Could you give me better directions?" asked Robert. "The Men of the Great Assembly allowed villagers to hear the מְגִלָּה reading when they were in town anyway so they wouldn't have to trouble themselves returning to town. We see they tried to make performing מִצְוֹת (commandments) as easy as possible without unnecessary trouble. I think by giving more precise directions, you would be making my trip easier!"



Did You Know...

The אַנְשֵׁי כְּנֶסֶת הַגְּדוּלָּה (Men of the Great Assembly) established the Purim festival on the 14th of אֲדָר. מְרַדְכַּי (Mordecai) of Purim fame was a member of this group.

Games

Crazy Arrows

Find the arrow to find out on which days each city reads the מְגִלָּה



14th אֲדָר

15th אֲדָר

M/Th

Review Questions – מְגִלָּה דף ב'

1. When do people in unwalled cities read the מְגִלָּה?

2. On what day do cities walled from the time of Joshua read the מְגִלָּה?

3. Who established the Purim festival on the 14th of אֲדָר?