

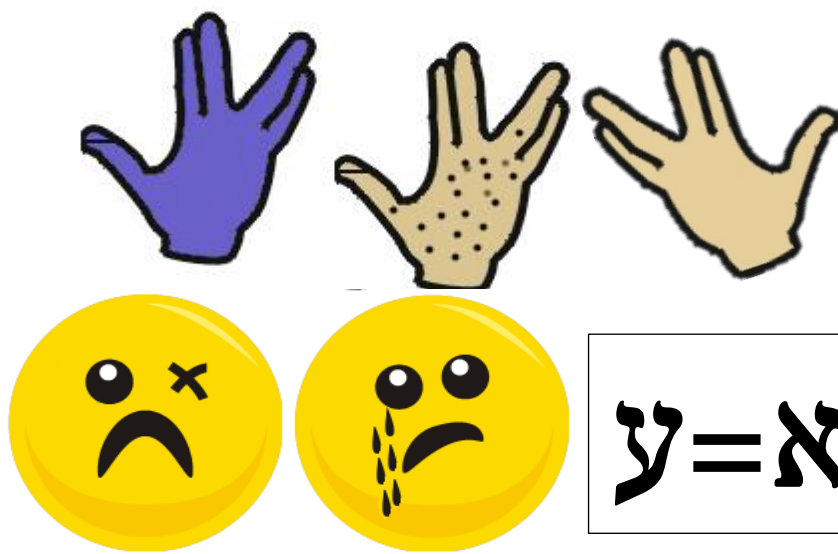
# מסכת מגילה דף כד

# DAF YOMI4 Kids

## Inside the Daf

Have you ever been stared at? It probably was not a pleasant experience.

A כהן who has blemishes may not bless the Jewish people with the בְּרַכַּת כֹּהֲנִים (Priestly Blessing). This is because when he goes in front of the people to bless them they will stare at his blemish. This can cause the כהן to become distracted. Also, the גְּמָרָא teaches that one who stares at the כֹּהֲנִים while they perform the בְּרַכַּת כֹּהֲנִים will become blind. The Talmud lists the blemishes that a כהן may not have.



Blemishes. (Clockwise), a hand with bluish dye, spotted, bent to the side, forward or backward, pronouncing the *ayin* as an *alef*, flowing tears, blind in one eye

## A מְדוּת Moment

"Hey, that's not fair!" exclaimed Robbie. "Josh always gets a chance to mow the neighbor's lawn and gets paid for it. But I'm not allowed to! But I still have chores at home to do and I don't get paid *anything* for doing those."

"Robbie," said Josh, "I have a lot of homework today. Would you like to mow the lawns I usually take care of?"

"Sure, Josh, thanks!" said Robbie. "What made you ask me?"

"It was something I learned in *daf yomi*," said Josh. "The person who reads from the last section of the Torah is given the privilege of leading the prayer service afterward. Why? Because the prayer leader used to be paid for leading the services. The person who read last from the Torah was not paid. We want to give the last Torah reader an opportunity to be paid so he won't become jealous of the prayer leader."

"So we see how important it is to avoid fights," said Robbie. "And to share the wealth."



## Did You Know...

One may not read the Torah to the congregation or be a prayer leader while one's legs are uncovered (for example, while wearing shorts). It is considered disrespectful to the Torah's honor and insulting to the congregation.

WORD OF THE DAY:

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"THERE IS"

# The Ways of Heretics



One may not lead the prayers if he refuses to while wearing sandals or colored clothing

In the times of the Second **בית המקדש** (Holy Temple), idolaters and heretics abounded. Idol worshippers of the time were careful not to wear colored clothing or sandals during their prayer services.

The **משנה** teaches that if someone says, "I will not be a prayer leader in colored clothing," we do not allow him to be a prayer leader at all, even in white clothing. Also, if he says, "I will not be a prayer leader in sandals," we do not allow him to lead the prayers even barefoot. In both of

these cases, we suspect this person to be an idolater. Since he is an idolater he may not lead the prayer services no matter what he is wearing.

The **משנה** also teaches that it is **heresy\*** to wear head **תפלין** (phylacteries) on the forehead instead of on top of the head, or to wear arm **תפלין** on the palm of the hand instead of on the bicep.

## **Heresy (heh•reh•see).**

An action or belief against the Jewish faith. The Sadducees (**צדוקים**) of the Second Temple era were heretics and did not accept the Oral Torah.

## Games



## DRAW IT!

Read "Inside the Daf" and draw as many blemishes as you can on this **כַּהֵן's hand**



## Review Questions – **מגילה דף כ"ד**

1. List 3 blemishes a **כהן** may not have while performing the **ברכת כהנים** (Priestly Blessing).

2. In the times of the Second Temple, what would idolaters not wear while praying?

3. What may one not do if his legs are uncovered?