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כ"ו אב תשע"ד

מסכת מועד קטן דף ט

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Inside the Daf

We have learned the rule, "אין מערבין בשמחה בשמחה," "we do not mix two types of joy" (see pg. 37). Because of this rule we may not have a wedding on חול המועד. But what is the source that we do not "mix" two types of joy together?

The גמרא says that this rule is learned from שלמה המלך (King Solomon).

After King Solomon built the first בית המקדש (Holy Temple), he held a celebration. This celebration was held for seven days before the סוכות (Festival of Booths) holiday. If one were allowed to "mix" together two occasions of joy, why didn't שלמה schedule the celebration for the first Temple at the same time as the סוכות holiday? It must be that we may not mix together two occasions of joy.



The גמרא tells us that when King Solomon wanted to bring the ארון קדש (Holy Ark) into the בית המקדש, the gates would not open. שלמה sang 24 songs of prayer, but still the doors would not open. He even asked the gates

to open, but they wouldn't. Finally, the king asked Hashem to remember King David, שלמה's father. At that, the gates opened and the faces of King David's enemies turned black with humiliation for this showed that Hashem had forgiven him for wrongdoing.

WORD OF THE DAY:
קשיא
"A DIFFICULTY"

A מדות Moment

"It was an exciting weekend for Mr. Freedbaum and his son who were attending the wedding of the grandson of Mr. Freedbaum's favorite teacher from school. When it was time to leave, Mr. Freedbaum said farewell to his old teacher.

"Abba," asked Mr. Freedbaum's son, "why did you say goodbye to your teacher today *and* yesterday."

"The גמרא teaches," said Mr. Freedbaum, "that if someone says farewell to his teacher but stays overnight in the same city, he should say farewell to him again when he is ready to leave. It's an important lesson in how to be respectful to your teachers."



A Cursed Blessing

רבי שמעון בן יוחאי sent his son to receive a blessing from רבי יונתן and רבי יהודה, two of the greatest Torah scholars of their generation.

Imagine how surprised he must have been to hear the scholars give him the following blessing:

"May it be Hashem's will that you sow, but not reap. May your table be disturbed and may you not see a new year."

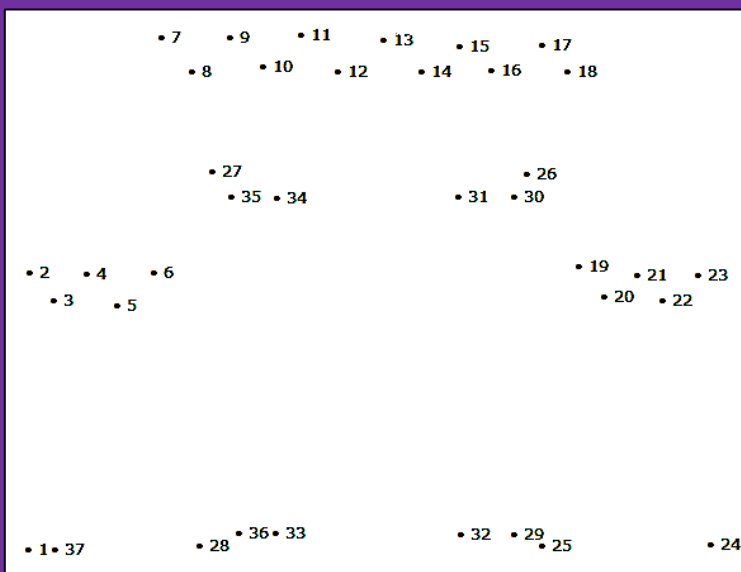
When רבי שמעון בן יוחאי's son returned to his father, he said, "It was not enough that they did not bless me! But they hurt my feelings by what they said!"

רבי שמעון בן יוחאי explained their words as follows:

"May you have children (sow) and may they not die (reap). May your children have many young children (who disturb the table) and may your wife not die (not see a new year) so that you will not have to remarry!"

Games

CONNECT THE DOTS



Did You Know...

On the **בית המקדש** (Holy Temple) was a roof with spikes. The spikes were meant to keep crows from landing on (and soiling) the Temple. This part of the Temple was called, "אמה כליא עורב."

מועד קטן דף ט' – Review Questions

- When did King Solomon dedicate the First Temple?

- What was the *real* meaning of one of the prayers רבי יונתן and רבי יהודה gave to רבי שמעון בן יוחאי's son?

- What was the אמה כליא עורב for?
