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מועד קטן
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Inside the Daf

We have learned about the different things a mourner may not do during his mourning period. But what about on the Sabbath? Should a mourner have to act like a mourner on such a happy day?

רבי יוחנן asked this exact question of the sage שמואל. Things which publicly show that a person is mourning are not allowed on the Sabbath.

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Straightening the Bed. Mourners used to turn over their beds. On the Sabbath, the beds are turned upright



WORD OF THE DAY:
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"EVEN"

Headcovering. Mourners used to wear Arab-style head coverings. On the Sabbath, this public display of mourning is taken off



Torn clothes. The torn shirt the mourner wears for the first seven days of mourning is turned to the back so that it doesn't show



Hot water. A mourner may not wash in hot water during his seven days of mourning but he may heat water on Friday and wash his hands and feet with it on the Sabbath



Leather shoes. A mourner may wear leather shoes on the Sabbath



Death of an Infant

The death of a baby is one of the saddest events that can happen.

An infant who dies within thirty days of being born does not need to be placed in a coffin, but rather, may be carried to burial while being held close to the chest.

Once a baby is at least thirty days old, it is taken to burial in a box. רבי יהודה explains that we do not bury the infant in a box which is carried on one's shoulder. Rather, we use a box that is carried by at least two people which is more respectful than having one person carry the baby.

Once a baby is a year old, he or she is taken out to burial in a proper coffin.

רבי אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן עֲזַרְיָה says, if the child was old enough to leave the house and come to synagogue so that he or she was known to the public, then the community should come to the burial and comfort the child's father.



Did You Know...

רב תחליפא בר אבמי (in the name of שמואל) says that a mourner who does not let his hair grow long and who does not tear his clothes in mourning deserves the death penalty!

A Moment - מְדוּת

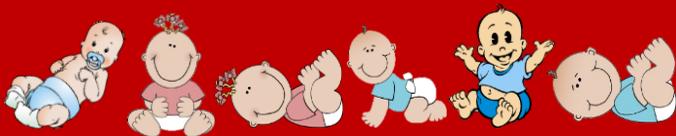
"I don't understand what all the fuss was about," said Mrs. Shainderbaum. "At the bus stop today there was a homeless man making a big deal over losing a bus ticket. It's just a bus ticket! He can just go buy a new one!"

"The גמרא says we give eulogies over the death of a three-year-old of a poor person, but only over a five-year-old for a wealthy person. Why the difference?" asked Mr. Shainderbaum. "A child of a poor person is his only source of joy so the loss is greater. Wealthy people have many sources of joy. The loss of anything for a poor person is very serious loss for him and we should be more sensitive about it."

Games

SHADOW MATCH

Match the shadows to the images in the picture.



מועד קטן דף כ"ד - Review Questions

1. What should a mourner observe on the Sabbath?

2. How old must a baby be to require a box for its burial?

3. According to רב תחליפא בר אבמי, what mourner deserves the death penalty?