

מסכת תענית דף ה'

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Inside the Daf

The Talmudic sages, רב נחמן and רב יצחק were eating together. While they had their meal רב נחמן asked רב יצחק to share some words of Torah.

רב יצחק quoted רבי יוחנן that one may not talk while he is eating since food might enter the wind pipe instead of the food pipe and cause him to choke. As the meal went on, רב יצחק continued to share words of Torah with רב נחמן.

When the sages finished their meal and it was time to go their separate ways, רב נחמן asked רב יצחק to bless him.

"I will compare your request to the following," said רב יצחק. "A person was traveling in the desert and was hungry, thirsty and tired. He came upon a tree with sweet fruits, pleasant shade and a stream flowing beneath it. The man ate the fruits, sat in the shade and drank the water.

"When the man began to leave he said to the tree, 'How can I bless you? Your fruits are sweet, your shade is pleasant and water runs underneath you. Therefore, I bless you that all the shoots planted from you should be like you.'"

At this point, רב יצחק said to רב נחמן, "You too, how shall I bless you? You already have Torah knowledge, wealth and children. Therefore, I bless you that your children will be like you in Torah knowledge, wealth and prestige."



Did You Know...

רב יוחנן says there is one sin that causes evil people to be burned in גיהנום (Gehenna): Idolatry.

A מידות Moment

The boys sat down to eat in the camp cafeteria and promptly began to fill their faces with food. Away from home, there were few around to police their manners.

"Pass the ketchup," said Yeruchem, his mouth full of food.

"Where's the salt," asked Reuven as he chewed on his hotdog.

"Don't talk with your mouthful," said one of the counsellors who happened to be walking by. "It's not just for good manners. The גמרא says you may not talk while you eat because while you are talking, the food can go down your wind pipe instead of your food pipe, causing you to choke!

Looking Old

Do you know anybody who is older than they look? רב יצחק says that the prophet שמואל (Samuel) became old-looking suddenly.

רבי יוחנן explains what happened toward the end of שמואל's life. King שאול, whom שמואל appointed king, had disobeyed Hashem's commands. It came time for him to die.

But שמואל did not want the man whom he appointed king to die in his lifetime.



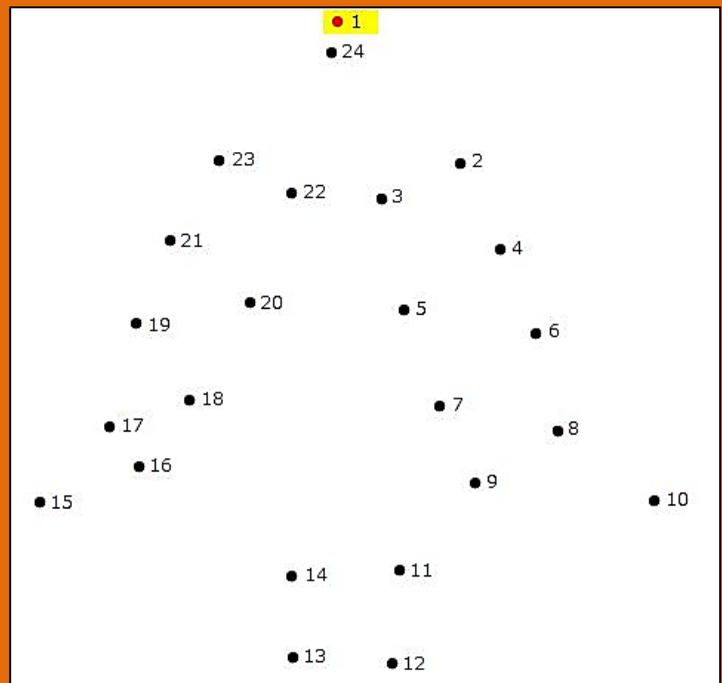
"What should I do?" Hashem asked שמואל. "Shall I let you, שמואל, die young and have שאול may die soon after? The people would say you died young because you sinned! I also cannot allow שאול to live because it is time for דוד (David) to become king."

Hashem decided that he would make שמואל look old before his death. That way, the people would say that the prophet died due to old age and not because he sinned. שמואל died at the age of 52. שאול died after.

WORD OF THE DAY:
בְּמָה
 "WITH WHAT?"

Games

CONNECT THE DOTS



תענית דף ה' - Review Questions

1. According to רבי יוחנן what may one not do when eating?

2. Which prophet did not want King Saul to die in his lifetime?

3. Which sin causes evil people to be burned up in גיהנום (Gehenna)?
