

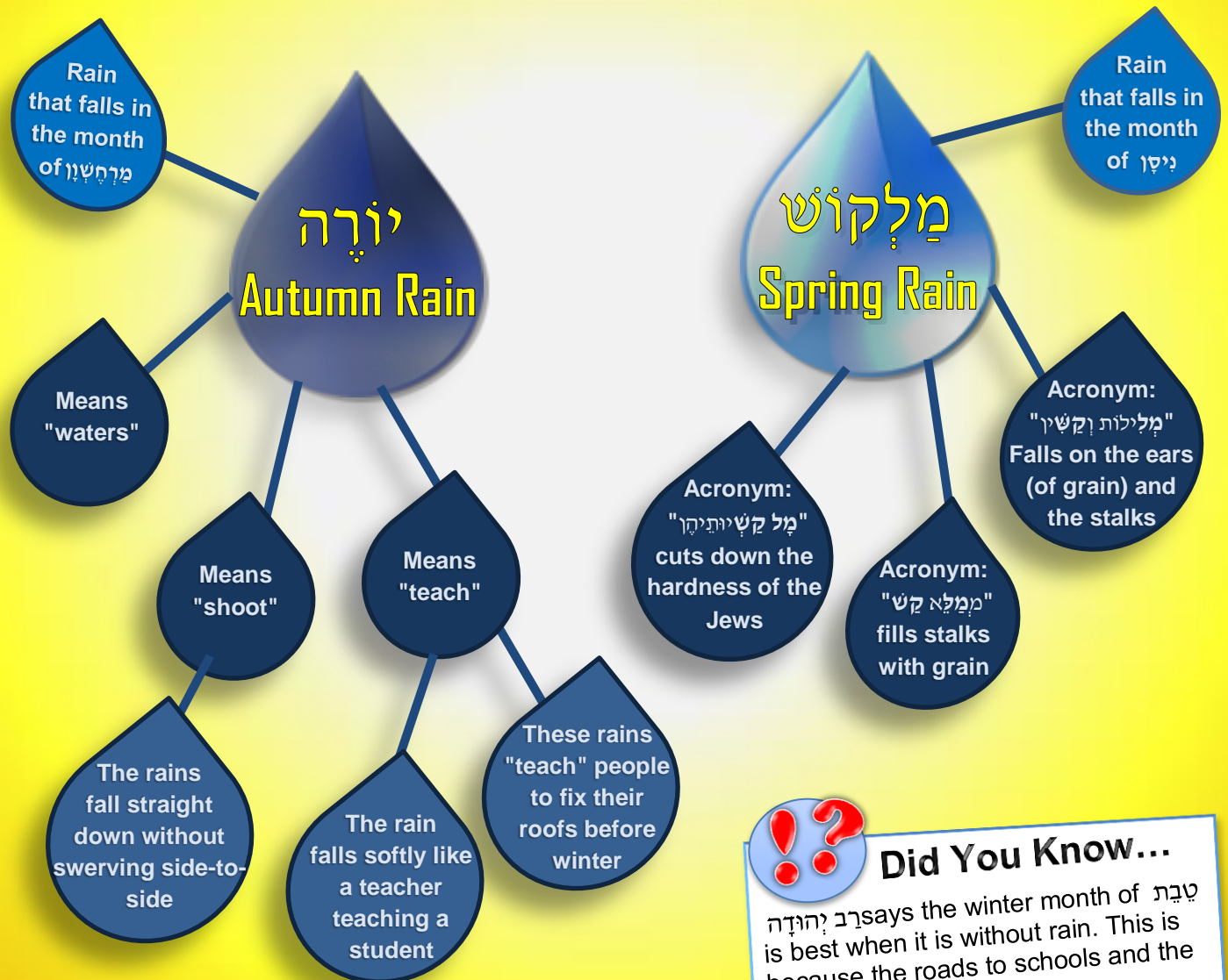
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Inside the Daf

The Torah tells us that if we follow Hashem's commandments we can expect the blessings of "יורה" and "מלקוש," two types of rain that will nourish our produce and make food plentiful. But what exactly are יורה and מלקוש?

Today's דף tells us the difference between these two rains and where their names come from.



!?! Did You Know...
טבת says the winter month of יהודה is best when it is without rain. This is because the roads to schools and the crops will not be ruined.

Blessings-Over-Rain

Since rain is so important, it makes sense that we would recite a blessing upon it after experiencing a drought (or in the Land of Israel, after the first rainfall of the season).

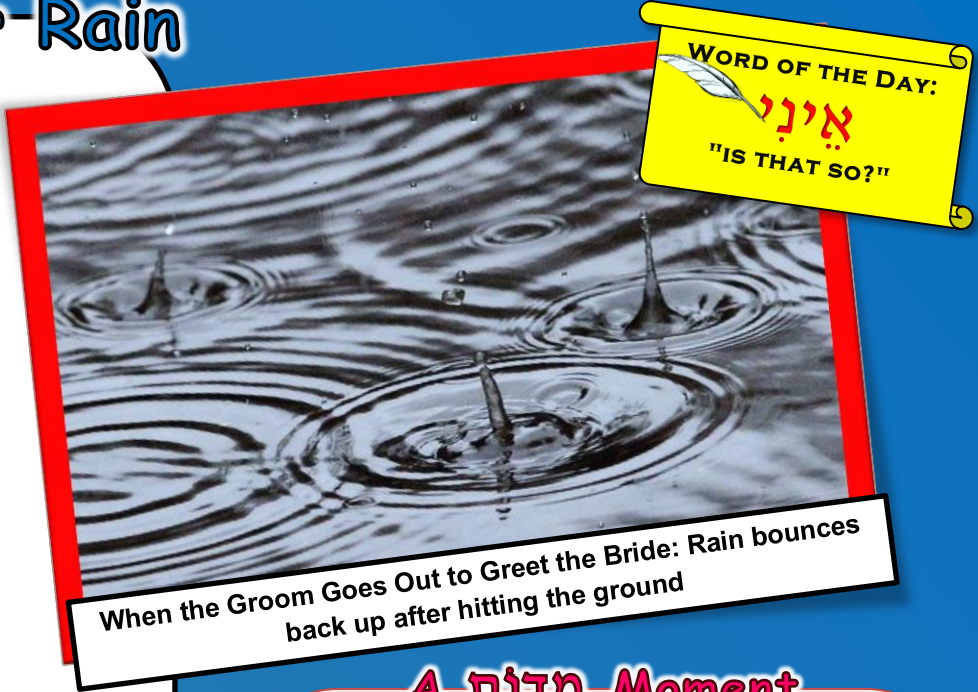
רבי אבהו says we recite a blessing over rain when it comes down so hard that the drops bounce back up again after hitting the ground. This is called "When the groom goes out to meet the bride."

רב יהודה says (in the name of רב) that the text of the blessing is:

"מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל כָּל טֶפֶה וְטֶפֶה שֶׁהוֹרֵדְתָּ לָנוּ"

"We thank you, Hashem our G-d, for every single drop that you have brought down for us."

רב פפא says we end the blessing by thanking the G-d of thanksgiving and many thanksgivings.



A מְדוּת Moment

"Aw, not again," said Nechama. "This is the third day in a row it's been raining. I really wanted to go to the park."

"Instead of whining about the rain," said her mother, "you should be thankful that we even have rain. Without rain, plants wouldn't grow, which means there wouldn't be food for people or animals."

"It's true," said Nechama's father. "In fact, I just learned in *daf yomi* that רב says that when it rains hard we should say, 'Thank you, Hashem, our G-d, for each drop you make fall!'"

"Now that you mention it," said Nechama, "I guess we can see a good side to any situation!"

Games

START AT THE DROP WITH THE X

1. Move 1 NORTH
2. 1 SOUTH, 2 WEST
3. 2 WEST, 1 SOUTH
4. 1 NORTH, 1 WEST

Follow the directions. Each letter you land on spells a word from the *daf*. What does the words mean?



Review Questions – תענית דף ו'

1. What are מלקוש and יורה?

2. Why is rain in the month of טבת not desirable?

3. According to רבי אבהו, at what point do we bless the rain?
