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Inside the Daf

Even nowadays, a drought is a major calamity. In the times of the Talmud, the Sages made a series of fast days when there was fear of drought. The Sages decreed that if no rain had fallen by the 17th of the month of מרחשון, the "rabbis" should take upon themselves a series of three fasts. "Rabbis" here does not mean rabbinic leaders, but, as the גמרא explains, any student who is studying Torah.

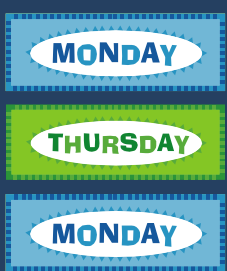
If no rain has fallen by the 1st of כסלו, the Sages decreed that the entire community should fast a series of three fasts. See the chart below for more information.

FASTING FOR RAIN: THE FIRST SETS

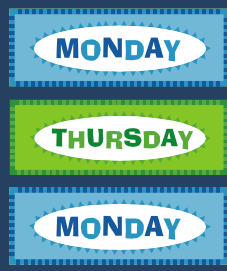


If no rain falls by the 17th of מרחשון

If no rain falls by the 1st of כסלו...



The "Rabbis" fast three fasts on Monday, Thursday and the following Monday



The בית דין (Court) declares three fasts for the community on Monday, Thursday and the following Monday



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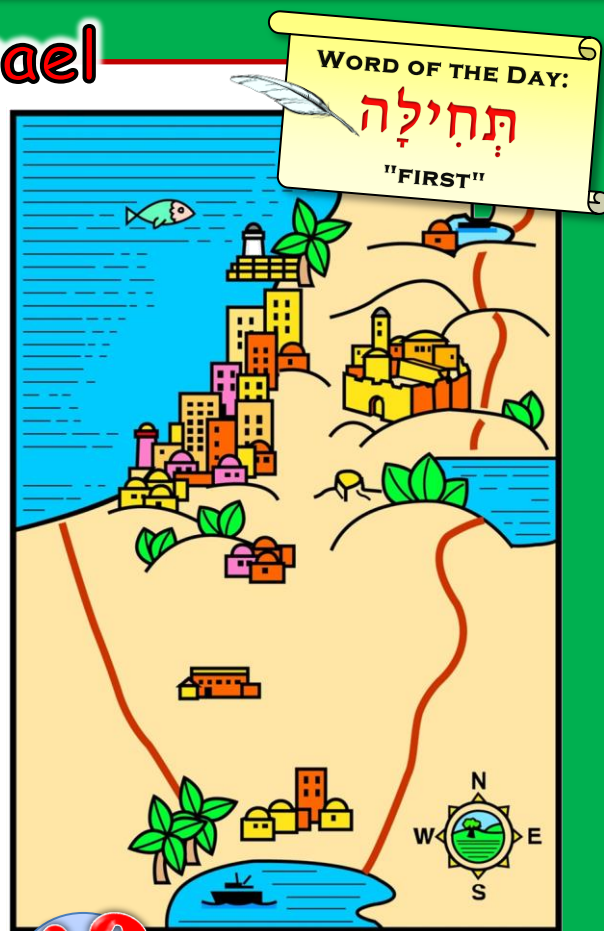
Rain & the Land of Israel

The **בריתא** teaches that the Land of Israel was created first and the rest of the world was created afterward.

Another unique quality of the Land of Israel is that Hashem personally waters the land with rain, whereas a messenger of Hashem waters the rest of the world.

Also, the Land of Israel drinks from rain water that is especially blessed. The rest of the world drinks from the leftover water of the clouds which is not as blessed.

Finally, Hashem waters the Land of Israel first and the rest of the world drinks afterward. This is like someone who is making cheese; he takes the cheese solids to knead and leaves behind the whey. Even though the whey has some value, the cheese maker keeps the best product, the cheese solids, for himself. This is like the Land of Israel which keeps the best rain for itself.



Did You Know...
say, the entire world receives rain only after **עֵדֶן** (The Garden of Eden) has been watered first.

A מְדוּת Moment

As much as he knew it was wrong, little Yitzchak loved annoying his big sister. Today, he figured, it would be easy. It was a fast day, so Yitzchak planned to eat a big bowl of chocolate pudding in front of his famished sister. It would be great!

When he was in the middle of going through with his plan, his father pulled him aside.

"Yitzchak," his father said, "the **מְרָא** teaches that you are not allowed to show off how full you are in front of people who are starving. We learn this from **יעקב** (Jacob) who, during a famine, sent his sons to bring food from Egypt even though they had plenty of food. Why did he do this? Because his neighbours were starving and he didn't want to appear well-fed in front of them."

"I guess I'll eat in a different room," said Yitzchak.

Games

TIMELINE

Put these events in order from 1 to 4

- ☐ 1st **כְּסֵלוֹ**
- ☐ 17th **מֶרְחָשׁוֹן**
- ☐ Everybody fasts
- ☐ "Rabbis" fast

תענית דף י' – Review Questions

- What did the Sages decree If rain does not all by the 17th of מֶרְחָשׁוֹן?

- Which land is watered before all others?

- What must be watered first before the entire world?
