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יום ראשון 23 תמוז ה'תשע"ד

מסכת
תענית
דף יב

DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

Inside the Daf

We have learned about the first set of fasts that the community does if no rain has fallen by the 1st of the month of כסלו (see pg. 41). Today we learn about the next set of three fasts that the community does if the first set doesn't work. This second series is stricter than the first. If no rain has fallen by the end of these fasts, a third set of seven fasts is undertaken. These fasts are even stricter than the second set. Finally, if rain has still not arrived after these fasts, a number of extreme measures are taken. The community acts as though they have been rejected by Hashem. See the chart, below.

FASTING FOR RAIN: THE SECOND SETS



2ND SET

If no rain falls after the first set of 1st of כסלו fasts (see pg. 41) ...

- MONDAY
- THURSDAY
- MONDAY

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



On these fast days, washing, anointing, working and wearing leather shoes are *not* allowed



Bathhouses are locked



3RD SET

If no rain falls after the second set of fasts...

- MONDAY
- THURSDAY
- MONDAY
- THURSDAY
- MONDAY
- MONDAY
- THURSDAY

The בית דין (Court) declares another 7 community fasts



On these fast days, washing, anointing, working and wearing leather shoes are *not* allowed



Bathhouses are locked. We cry out to Hashem. Stores are locked.

WORDS OF THE DAY:

מֵאֵן דְּאָמַר

"THE ONE WHO SAYS"

We build less, do less business, do not make marriages, and greet each other less.

If there is still no rain ...

Dream Fast



Most of us have had bad dreams. But have you ever had a dream so terrifying, it disturbed you even after it was over?

The גמרא teaches that after one experiences a terrifying dream, the dreamer makes a תענית חלום ("dream fast.") The dreamer begins to fast on the day after the nightmare.

It is so important to fast right after having a terrifying dream that רב יוסף says one may even fast on the Sabbath if he had a nightmare on Friday night. Even though fasting is not normally allowed on the Sabbath, a תענית חלום is allowed to calm the distress the dreamer feels after having a bad dream.

A Moment

"Hello sir," said the boy at the door. "Would you care to make a donation to our synagogue?"

"Say," said the man, "aren't you the boy who was raising money for the Jewish school? And then for poor people in the city? Why are you *bothering* me so much?"

"Just the opposite sir," said the boy at the door. "Giving money for a worthy cause is a privilege!"

"Says who?" said the skeptical man.

"It's in today's *daf yomi*," the boy explained. "It is such a privilege to make a donation to Hashem that בנימין's family used to have a festival every 10th of אב because that was the date that they donated firewood to the בית המקדש (Holy Temple). Imagine having a festival because you have the privilege to donate to the Temple!"

רב חמא בר רבה says (in the name of רב) that a fast is as good for a bad dream as fire is for burning the leavings of a flax plant. (This means the fast 'burns up' any harm from the dream).

Did You Know...



On a public fast day, מר זוטרא and מרימר would switch their right shoe to their left foot and their left shoe to their right foot.

Games

GEMATRIA CODE:

Write the Hebrew letter for each number.
What do the words mean?

40 06 30 08 400 10 50 70 400

תענית דף י"ב – Review Questions

1. If rain does not fall after all of the community fasts, what does the community do?

2. What is a תענית חלום?

3. How did מרימר and מר זוטרא wear their shoes on a public fast day?
