

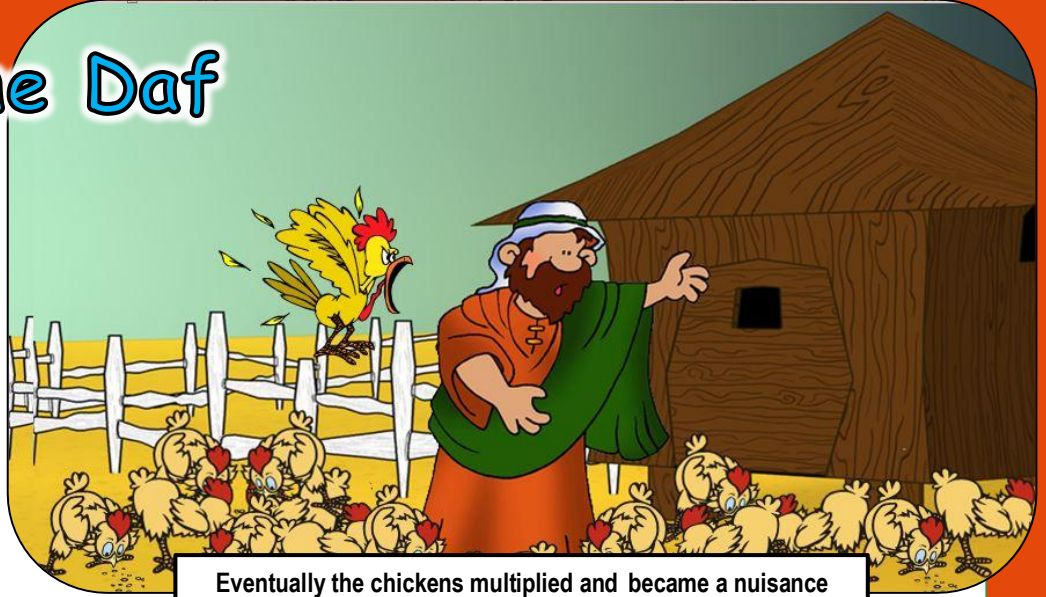
מסכת תענית דרכה

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Inside the Daf

רבי חנינא בן דוסא was no stranger to miracles. The גמרא tells of some extraordinary events involving the sage.

רבי חנינא בן דוסא owned some goats and was told that they were damaging other peoples' fields.



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רבי חנינא בן דוסא was so certain that this was not the case that he exclaimed: "If my goats are damaging other peoples' fields may bears devour them! If it is *not* true may each goat bring home a bear on its horns." And so it was, that evening each and every goat brought back a bear on its horns.

The גמרא tells the story of how רבי חנינא בן דוסא came to have goats. It once happened that a person passed by רבי חנינא's doorway and accidentally left some chickens there. רבי חנינא's wife found them. "Don't eat the eggs," the sage warned his wife. After all, if the chickens belonged to the person who lost them, so did their eggs.

Eventually the chickens multiplied and became a nuisance. They sold the chickens and bought goats instead.

One day the man who had lost the chickens came back. He mentioned that he had left chickens in the area. After making sure that the chickens were in fact his, רבי חנינא בן דוסא gave the man the goats. After all, the goats had come from the proceeds of the chickens.

WORDS OF THE DAY:
מאי כולי האי
"WHAT IS THE REASON FOR ALL THIS?"

!? **Did You Know...**
Once when rain had not fallen, the sage לוי accused Hashem of not having mercy on His children. Hashem answered לוי's prayer but crippled לוי for speaking disrespectfully.

Vinegar Oil

We have learned (pg. 11) how רבי חנינא בן דוסא was used to miracles. One Friday night he noticed his daughter looked sad.

"My daughter," said רבי חנינא בן דוסא, "why are you sad?"

"I made a mistake and thought a container of vinegar was a container of oil. I poured the container into the lamp and lit the Sabbath candles with it." Since vinegar doesn't burn, the Sabbath lamp would soon be extinguished.

"My daughter what does it matter to you?" asked רבי חנינא. "The One who commanded oil to burn will command vinegar to burn as well!"

Indeed, the lamp continued to burn the entire day and the flame for the ceremony at the departure of the Sabbath was taken from this lamp.



A Moment

Yeruchem was getting frustrated. It had been almost a week since he pushed his brother Zevi into the swimming pool with all his clothes on and Zevi still hadn't forgiven him! Yeesh! Talk about holding a grudge.

The boys' father intervened and spoke to Zevi.

"The גמרא tells us that רבי אליעזר and רבי עקיבא prayed for rain," their father began. "When the rain fell a Heavenly voice announced that it had fallen because of רבי עקיבא, not רבי אליעזר because רבי עקיבא was a forgiving person but רבי אליעזר was not. We see the importance of being forgiving; it even opens your prayers to be answered."

Games

Review Questions – תענית דף כ"ה

1. What did רבי חנינא בן דוסא use to buy goats?

2. What did רבי חנינא בן דוסא say to his daughter when he used vinegar instead of oil?

3. Why was לוי crippled?

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