

מסכת תענית דף כה

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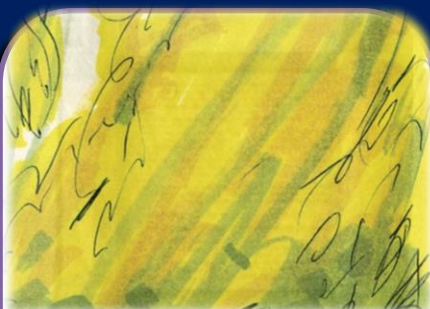
Inside the Daf

The 17th of תמוז is a fast day commemorating five tragic events that happened on that day:

THE EVENTS

OF THE

17TH OF תמוז

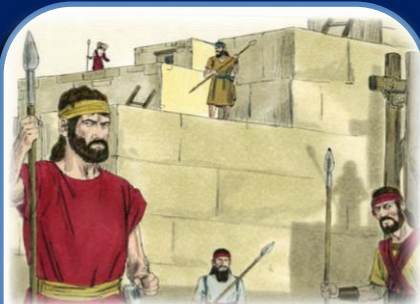


Apostomos burned the Torah.

We have a tradition that a Greek general named Apostomos burned a Torah scroll written by עזרא (Ezra). It was the most reliable Torah scroll at the time and was used to check other Torah scrolls.



The קרבן תמיד (daily sacrifice) was stopped. A tradition from our forefathers teaches that the government decreed that the daily offering, sacrificed twice every day, should no longer be offered.



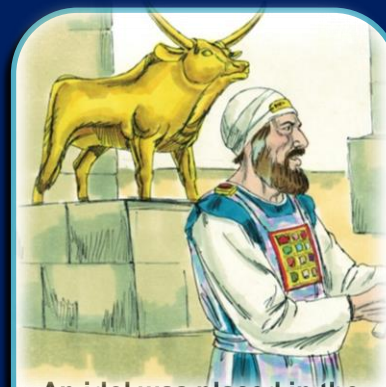
Jerusalem's walls were broken.

In the Second Temple Era, the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the invading Romans. Three weeks later the בית המקדש (Holy Temple) was destroyed.



The לוחות (Tablets) were broken.

When משה (Moses) came down from Mt. Sinai, he carried with him two tables containing the Ten Commandments. When he saw the Israelites worshipping the Golden Calf he smashed the לוחות at the foot of the mountain (see שמות לב, Ex. 32,15)



An idol was placed in the Sanctuary.

מנשה, king of Judah, placed an idol in the First המקדש (Holy Temple). רבא says two idols were placed there. One fell on the other and cut off its hand. This message was found on the complete idol: "You (idol) wanted to destroy the house (of Hashem) and I have taken revenge by giving Him your hand."

WORDS OF THE DAY:

אית ליה

"HE HAS"

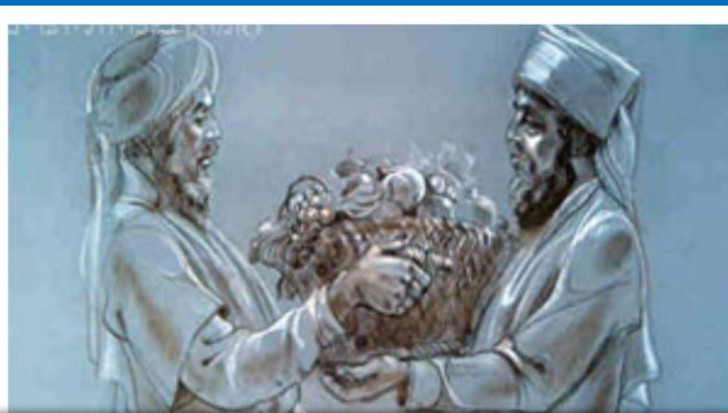
Fruit Smugglers

Jewish history is filled with examples of righteous people who risked their well-being to perform the commandments of Hashem.

It once happened that evil rulers passed a decree forbidding Jews from bringing their **בכורים** (first fruits)* to Jerusalem. These rulers even posted guards on the roads to make sure no Jew would violate the orders.

Some pious Jews went to great lengths to perform these commandments. They took their baskets of **בכורים**, covered them with dried figs and carried a pestle (a tool used for crushing food) on their shoulder. When the guards asked them where they were going, they answered that they were going to make two cakes of pressed figs (a tasty dessert in that time) in a mortar that was nearby.

When they had passed the guards, they would decorate their baskets of **בכורים** and bring them to Jerusalem. The families of these Jews became known as the families of the "pestle smugglers" and "fig-cutters."



בכורים (first fruits)

There is a commandment to bring the one's first fruits to the Temple in Jerusalem and to give them to the **כהן** there.

A מְדוּת Moment

"Our synagogue is in dire need!" announced the rabbi from the pulpit. "If we do not receive donations soon, we will lose this building. I beg you, the congregants, to help us keep our synagogue!"

The congregation tried not to make eye contact with their leader. True, the synagogue needed money, but times were tough and they didn't want to give.

The rabbi, seeing their reluctance, took out his wallet.

"I will be the first to donate to this great cause! And to also teach you a lesson..."

The congregants perked up their ears.

"We learn that when the Jewish people returned from exile with **עזרא**, they didn't have wood for sacrifices. A few families stepped forward to donate the necessary wood. Because of this generosity, the prophets made a rule: In the future, even when there is enough wood in the Holy Temple for the sacrifices, the families of the people who gave wood in the time of Ezra will have the privilege of donating wood, once again. We see how important it is to step forward and donate in a time of need."



Did You Know... When the Jews returned with **עזרא** (Ezra) from exile in Babylonia, they could not find any wood in the Temple wood chamber for sacrifices. A few pious families stepped forward and donated the needed wood, on their own.

Games



Mystery Word

Fill in the missing words, the letters in the red squares will give you the mystery word!

On the 17th of **תמוז**...

The daily was stopped and the were smashed. The walls of were broken and Apostomos burned a scroll. That is why we...

תענית דף כ"ח – Review Questions

1. Name 3 calamities that happened on the 17th of **תמוז**.
2. What did the government forbid bringing to Jerusalem?
3. When the Jews returned from exile with **עזרא** what could they not find?