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יום רביעי תמוז ט"ו

# מסכת תענית דף כט

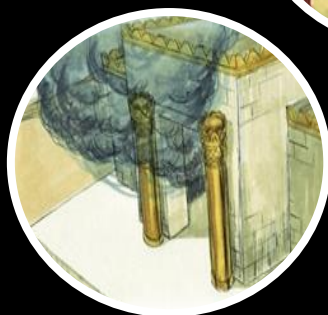
# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

The 9th of אָב is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. The גְּמָרָא reports five events that happened on that day:



**Ancestors will not enter the Land.** The spies whom מֹשֶׁה (Moses) sent to the Land of Israel returned with their report. They chose to speak poorly of the land and exaggerate the dangers. The people heard this and cried, believing the report. Since they cried for no reason, Hashem decreed that the entire generation of Israelites who left Egypt would die in the desert, never to enter the Holy Land.



**The First בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple) was destroyed.** The Temple built by שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ (King Solomon) was destroyed by נְבוּזַרְאֲדָן (Nebuzaradan), captain of the executioners for King נְבוּכַדְנֶצַּר (Nebuchadnezzar) of Babylon.



**The Second בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple) was destroyed.** The Romans destroy the Holy Temple built upon the Jews return from Babylonian exile. This event happened on the 9th of אָב because bad things come to pass on bad days.



**The city of בֵּיתָר (Bethar) was conquered.** Bethar was a great city with a big Jewish population. It was conquered by the Romans more than 50 years after the Second Temple was destroyed and all of its inhabitants were massacred.



**Jerusalem was plowed under.** The Roman general Turanus Rufus plowed under the ruins of the Holy Temple's Sanctuary. This fulfilled the prophet, מִיכָה's (Micah) prophesy that "Zion will be plowed under like a field" (מִיכָה ג', יב, Micah 3,12).inhabitants were massacred.

**WORD OF THE DAY:**  
**מִנָּלָן**  
"FROM WHERE DO WE KNOW IT?"



# Keys of the Young פְּהָנִים

As the First Temple was being destroyed, groups upon groups of young פְּהָנִים gathered together with the keys to the Temple Sanctuary (הַיְכָל) in their hands.

They went up to the roof of the Sanctuary and said to Hashem:

"Master of the Universe! Since we were not privileged to be trusted caretakers of the Temple, let these keys be handed over to You!"

The young פְּהָנִים threw the keys up and something in the form of a palm of a hand came out from heaven and received the keys. The פְּהָנִים themselves jumped into the fire that was consuming the Temple.

It is about these young פְּהָנִים that the prophet יְשַׁעְיָה (Isaiah) says, "What has happened to you now that you have all ascended to the rooftops?" (ישעיה כב,ב) (Is. 22,2)

## A מְדוּת Moment

"Hey," said Nathan, "have you met the new kid? He's really nice."

"He's not so nice," said Jason. "He wouldn't lend me paper today when I needed some in class. And why doesn't he ever smile?"

"You shouldn't say things that aren't nice, Jason, even if they are true," said Nathan. "Look at what happened with the spies. They spoke ill of the Land of Israel and received a severe punishment. All the more so should we be careful not to speak ill of another *person!*"



### Did You Know...

Given the history of the month of אָב as a one difficult for the Jews, a Jew should not enter a court case with a non-Jew during this month.

## Games

### Find 'em!

Can you find these items in the picture? How long did it take you?

- Catapult
- Sanctuary
- Menorah
- Showbread Table (look closely!)
- Pillar of Avtinas Chamber
- Altar
- Group of פְּהָנִים
- Roman on roof
- Water-Gate



### Review Questions – תענית דף כ"ט

1. Name 3 calamities that happened on the 9th of אָב.

2. What did the young פְּהָנִים do as the First Temple was being destroyed?

3. What should a Jew not do during the month of אָב?