

## Inside the Daf

A **מְמָזַר** is a Jewish person who may not marry into the Jewish community. He or she may marry only another **מְמָזַר** or a convert.

How does one become a **מְמָזַר**? The answer is, you are either born one, or not.

If a child is born from parents whose relationship would be punished with **כָּרַת** (early death), the child is a **מְמָזַר** for life. For example, if a mother and son parent a child together, the child would be a **מְמָזַר**. This is the opinion of **רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן הַתִּימָנִי** and is the accepted view.

**רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא** says, any child born from a relationship that is against a Torah commandment and is punishable by lashes is a **מְמָזַר**. For example, a child born from a **פְּהוּ גְדוּל** who married a widow would be a **מְמָזַר** according to **רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא**.

**רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ** says a **מְמָזַר** is born only if the parents' relationship is punishable by the death penalty. For example, a child whose parents are a father and daughter would be a **מְמָזַר** according to **רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ** since this relationship is punishable by death.

(Some relationships punishable by **כָּרַת** are also punishable by the death penalty).

## A CHILD IS A **מְמָזַר** IF HE COMES FROM A RELATIONSHIP PUNISHABLE BY...



**Early Death**

(רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן הַתִּימָנִי)



**Death Penalty**

(רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻעַ)



**Lashes**

(רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא)

# The Death of יִשְׁעִיָּה (Isaiah)



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The prophet, יִשְׁעִיָּה (Isaiah) was one of the greatest the Jewish people has ever seen. One would never expect his grandson to be the wicked king, מְנַשֶּׁה (Manasseh)!

The Talmudic sage רַבָּא explains that מְנַשֶּׁה judged יִשְׁעִיָּה to be a false prophet and killed him.

"מֹשֶׁה (Moses), your teacher, taught that one may not see Hashem and live," said the king. "And yet, you claim to

## A מְדוּתָה Moment

"I heard someone in *shul* made a generalization about Jews that wasn't very nice," said Evan.

"Don't insult the Jewish people as a whole," warned Evan's father. "The great prophet Isaiah was punished for just such a sin. We must be careful not to make negative generalizations."



## Did You Know...

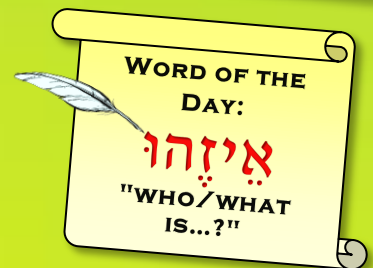
רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בֶּן עֲזַאי found a scroll that said the king מְנַשֶּׁה (Manasseh) killed the prophet יִשְׁעִיָּה (Isaiah).

have seen Hashem sitting on a high lofty throne!"

Although יִשְׁעִיָּה had an answer to this challenge, he knew it would not be accepted. So he uttered Hashem's Name and was swallowed up in a cedar tree.

מְנַשֶּׁה's men brought him the cedar tree and sawed it open. When the saw reached Isaiah's mouth, he died.

Isaiah's death came about through his mouth because he once spoke of the Jewish people in a negative way (see יִשְׁעִיָּה ו', Is. 6,5). As a punishment for this, he died by his mouth.



## Games

### יבמות דף מ"ט – Review Questions

1. According to רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן הַתִּימְנִי, who is a מְקוֹר?  
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2. How did יִשְׁעִיָּה (Isaiah) hide from the king?  
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3. Who killed יִשְׁעִיָּה (Isaiah)?  
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## AMAZING

Help Isaiah reach the cedar tree

