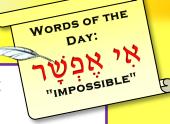






Sometimes your parents may give you a good idea about something to do. Other times you can think of a good thing by yourself.

Hashem told מֹשֶׁה (Moses) many good things to do, but the גְּמָרָא gives three examples of good ideas מֹשֶׁה came up with on his own.



's Good Ideas



When מֹשֶׁה first came down from Mount Sinai carrying the tablets of the Ten Commandments, he threw them to the ground shattering them after he saw the בְּנִי יִשְׂרָאֵל worshipping the Golden Calf. Hashem approved of this. If the Passover offering may not be eaten by an idolater, thought מִשֶּׁה, all the more are idolaters unfit for the Ten Commandments!



After the Torah was given on Mount Sinai, מֹשֶׁה chose to stay separated from his wife for his entire life. He reasoned: The בְּנֵי (Children of Israel) separated from their wives when the Torah was given even though Hashem spoke to them for only a short time. Since Hashem talks to me all the time, I should stay separated from my wife all the time.



Right before the Torah was given on Mount Sinai, Hashem told the בְּנֵי to separate from their wives for two days. מֹשֶׁה ordered a third day of separation. Hashem approved of this order and did not rest upon Mount Sinai until after the third day of separation.

Marriage Musings

The גְּמֶרֶא offers tidbits about marriage.



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If a man had children in his youth, he should have children in his old age



If a man married in his youth, and his wife passed away, he should remarry in his old age.



any man who does not have a wife lives without happiness, without blessing and without goodness.



One who loves his wife like his own self and honors her more than himself and guides his children on the straight path, about him it is said, "And you will know that your tent is at peace."

A Ditp

Moment

"That's the dumbest suggestion I've ever heard!" exclaimed Jordan.

The three boys were trying to brainstorm what they should do for their science project. Jordan was less than impressed by a suggestion made by Corey, whose face had now turned a dark shade of red.

"That wasn't very nice, Jordan," chided Boaz. "If you don't like Corey's suggestion there are better ways to let him know. Remember, בְּיִי עֲקִיבָּא had 12,000 pairs of students who died just because they didn't show each other proper respect!"



Did You Know...

רַבִּי צֵקִיבָּא had 12,000 pairs of students who all died in a short period because they did not treat each other with proper respect.

Games

TRUE or FALSE

Which of these statements from the Talmud are true and which are false?

- 1. A man who had children in his youth should not have any in old age
- 2. In Babylonia they used to say that an unmarried man lives without Torah
- 3. Any man who does not have a wife lives without happiness, without blessing and without goodness
- 4. If a man married in his youth, and his wife passed away, he should remarry in his old age
- 5. A man who is not married lives without freedom

יְבָמוֹת דַּף ס"ב – Review Questions

- 1. Describe one of מֹשֶׁה's (Moses) good ideas that he came up with on his own.
- 2. Give an example of a shortcoming in the life of an unmarried man.
- 3. Why did רַבִּי עֵקִיבָא's students die?