

מסכת יבמות דף סד

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Inside the Daf

It is a מצוה (commandment) for a man to have children. Sadly, for some husbands and wives, having children is difficult. What happens if a man marries a woman and finds out they cannot have children together?

The משנה teaches that if a man has been married for ten years to the same woman and has not been able to have children with her, he must divorce her and remarry (in the days of the Talmud, he could also marry another woman in addition to his wife).

The גמרא comments that we learn about a ten year limit from אַבְרָם (Abram) and שָׂרַי (Sarai). After ten years of a childless marriage together, שָׂרַי instructs אַבְרָם to take הָגָר (Hagar), her maidservant, as a wife. אַבְרָם does this and he and הָגָר have a son together. We see from this episode that after ten years of childlessness, a man should try to father children with another wife.

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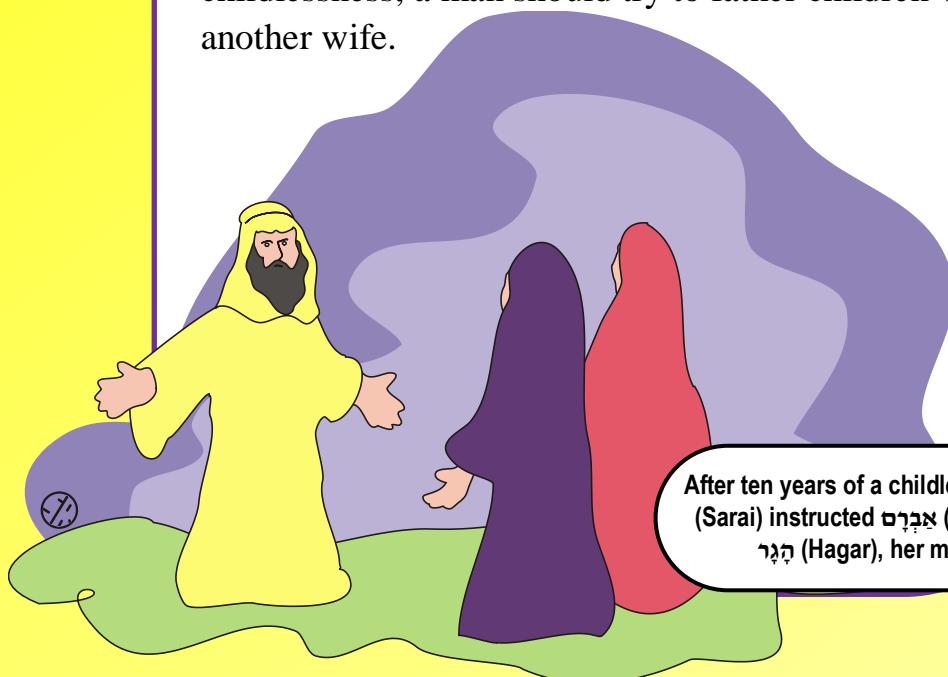
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"IT/HE TEACHES"

A מְדוּת Moment

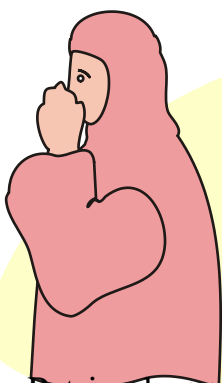
Jonathan felt downtrodden. He had been beset by obstacles lately and was having a hard time in school and at home. He often wondered, why me. He asked his rabbi.

"The גמרא asks why Hashem made so many of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs barren," said the rabbi. "The answer is that Hashem wants us to become closer to Him by praying to him. When you feel like Hashem is pushing you away, it could be a call that He wants you to come to Him! Pray for what you want with a full heart and connect with your Creator."



After ten years of a childless marriage, שָׂרַי (Sarai) instructed אַבְרָם (Abram) to marry הָגָר (Hagar), her maidservant

The Prayers of the Righteous



יצחק (Isaac) and רבקה (Rebecca) pray, in opposite corners of their home, to have children

The Patriarchs יצחק (Isaac) and רבקה (Rebecca) were unable to have children together. The Torah describes how the two prayed and prayed to have children. Even though they prayed together, the Torah says that Hashem answered the prayer of יצחק and granted the couple children.

Why, asks the גמרא, did Hashem "listen" to the prayer of יצחק and not רבקה? Weren't they praying for the same thing?

יצחק, answers the גמרא, was the son of a righteous man, אברהם, while רבקה was the daughter of the wicked בְּתוּאֵל (Bethuel).

Hashem, we are taught, prefers the prayers of a righteous person who is the child of a righteous person more than the prayers of a righteous person who is the child of a wicked person.



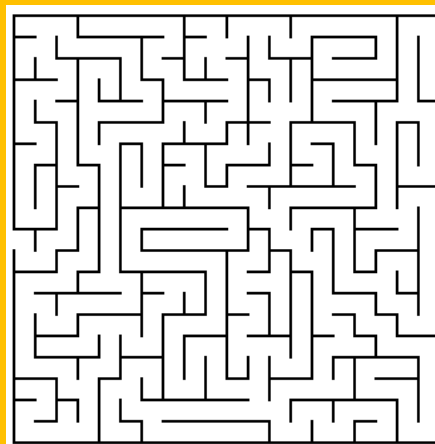
Did You Know...

יצחק asks, how are the prayers of the righteous like a pitchfork? Just like a pitchfork turns over grain, tossing it from one place to another, so too the prayers of the righteous "turn over" Hashem's attitude from anger to mercy.

Games

AMAZING

Help יצחק find רבקה so they may pray together



Review Questions – יבמות דף ס"ד

1. How long is a husband allowed to be married to a wife and remain childless?

2. Whose prayer did Hashem "listen" to – יצחק's or רבקה's?

3. How are the prayers of the righteous like a pitchfork?

