



A בס"ד
Intro
Today we will learn בע"ה of דף כד of תענית
Some of the topics we will learn about include the following:

More incidents involving righteous Jews, and the miracles that happened around them

The merits of helping the poor

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B The merits of teaching children even when they cannot afford to pay

The merits of humble prayer

The life and behaviors of ר' חנינא בן דוסא

Some of the key terms and concepts we will learn about include:

הקדש - Consecrated property for the Beis Hamikdash. It is forbidden for personal use. In our Gemara it is used to indicate money set aside for regular charity, not actually for the Beis Hamikdash.

B

The merits of teaching children

The life and behaviors of ר' חנינא בן דוסא

הקדש



1 So let's review...

The Gemara continues with more stories about pious Jews and their lives:

רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת had been a student of רבי יוסי בר אבין and went to learn by רב אשי. During the course of one of רב אשי's lectures, he taught something that רבי יוסי בר אבין himself had taught. When he told רב אשי that he was רבי יוסי בר אבין, רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת wondered why he had left יוקרת. He told him; גברא דעל בריה ועל ברתיא לא חס עלי דידי היכי חייס

A man who had no mercy on his own son and daughter, will he have mercy on me?

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2 The Gemara explains what happened with the son and daughter of רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת:

Once, when the field workers of רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת were hungry and waiting for the meal that רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת was supposed to bring, his son Davened;

תאנה תאנה הוציאי פירותיך ויאכלו פועלי אבא
Fig tree fig tree, bring forth your fruit and let my father's workers eat.

When רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת arrived with their food, he explained that he had been delayed because he was doing another Mitzvah.

They explained how his son asked for the fig tree to produce fruit and רבי יוסי דמן יוקרת said to his son;

בני אתה הטרחת את קונך להוציא תאנה פירותיה שלא בזמנה יאספ שלא בזמנו
My son, you troubled your Creator to bring forth the fruit of a fig tree before its time. Let that person be taken before his time.

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3 The other story concerned his daughter who was very beautiful. Once, ר' יוסי דמן יוקרת saw a man making a hole in the fence so he could look at ר' יוסי דמן יוקרת's daughter. He told ר' יוסי דמן יוקרת that he knows he'll never marry her, but he wants to just look at her. ר' יוסי דמן יוקרת told his daughter;
בתי קא מצערת להו לברייתא שובי לעפריך ואל יכשלו ביד בני אדם
My daughter, you are causing anguish to people. Return to your state of dust, and don't cause others to stumble.

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4 The Gemara relates another incredible story about ר' יוסי דמן יוקרת. He had a donkey that he would rent out, and when they were done, the people would place the rental fee on the donkey, and it would return home. However, if they overpaid or underpaid, the donkey would not move. Once, someone left some sandals on the donkey and it would not move until they removed their sandals.

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5 The Gemara now tells of the amazing Tzedaka of אלעזר איש בירתא. Since he would always give every last cent he had to Tzedaka, the גבאי צדקה, the people who collected Tzedaka, would hide from him so that he would not become penniless.

Once, he was going to the market to shop for a trousseau for his daughter, and the גבאי צדקה were there. Although they hid from him, he found them, and they had to tell him they were collecting for the wedding of an orphaned boy and orphaned girl. He gave them everything he had, except one Zuz with which he purchased some wheat.

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6 When he came home, he threw the wheat into the silo. When his wife went to look at it, a miracle had happened, and the silo was overflowing with wheat to the extent that the door would not close. The daughter went to the Beis Medrash and told her father,
 בא וראה מה עשה לך אוהבך, come and see what the One Who loves you - Hashem - has done for you. Upon which, ר' אלעזר declared;
 הרי הן הקדש עליך ואין לך בהן אלא כאחד מעניי ישראל
 This wheat is set aside like הקדש, consecrated property, and you will only benefit from it like any other poor person.
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7 The Gemara now returns to stories about fasts that were decreed because of drought:
 ולא אתא מיטרא, but no rain came. He explained how different he was when compared to the prophet Shmuel, and lamented that the generation was in such a sad state.
 אוי לו למי שעלתה בימיו כך, woe is to him that such a thing has occurred during his lifetime.
 חלש דעתיה ואתא מיטרא, he felt very upset, and then the rain came.

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8 Another time the בי נשיאה decreed a fast and the rains did not come. אושעיא, the youngest student, explained that the lack of rain was due to the unworthiness of the בי נשיאה. Some people there got upset and started to hurt him. Others stood up for אושעיא and said, even though what he said bothers us as well, כיון דחזינן דכל מיליה לשום שמים לא אמרי ליה מדי ושבקין ליה Since we see that everything he said was for the sake of Heaven, we did not say anything and we left him be, and so should you.

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9 ולא אתא מיטרא רבי once declared a fast
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 אמר משיב הרוח ונשב זיקא
 אמר מוריד הגשם ואתא מיטרא
 The wind and rain came immediately. רבי asked him what he did
 to merit this, and he said that he lived among very poor people
 who had no wine for Kiddush and Havdalah.
 טרחנא ואתינא חמרא לקידושא ואבדלתא
 And I bring wine for Kiddush and Havdalah for them.

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10 A similar incident occurred with רב when he was in a certain
 city where there was a drought. The man who led the Davening
 prayed, and the rains came immediately. He told רב that he was
 teacher of children
 ומקרינא לבני עניי כבני עתירי
 וכל דלא אפשר ליה לא שקלינא מיניה מידי
 I teach the poor as well as the rich children, and I do not take
 anything from someone who cannot pay. I also give them fish
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12 Similarly, רבה once decreed a fast **ולא אתא מיטרא**. The people there said that when רב יהודה would decree a fast and Daven, the rains would come. רבה explained that this is not because they learned more in the times of רב יהודה than in his time, and he proves that in his time they actually learn more. He said; מה יעשו גדולי הדור שאין דורן דומה יפה, what can the leaders of the generation do if the generation itself is not worthy?

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13 The Gemara relates the incident with רב יהודה that רבה referred to: רב יהודה saw two people playing with bread and said this means there must be a lot of bread in the world. However, יהיב עיניה הוה, כפנא he looked angrily at these people and there was a famine. They arranged that רב יהודה should walk out the door that leads to the marketplace so he could see how tragic the famine was, and when he saw it he told his attendant לי מסאניי, remove my shoes. שלף ליה חד מסאנא ואתא מיטרא, and the rain came.

13 **יהיב עיניה הוה כפנא** saw two people playing with bread and said There must be a lot of bread in the world

When he saw the marketplace he told his attendant לי מסאניי

He started to remove the other shoe, but איבו פמיא appeared and said; אמר הקדוש ברוך הוא אי שלפת אחרינא מחרבנא לעלמא

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14 רב מרי ברה דבת שמואל was at the river bank the day this happened and said there were Malachim, angels, who appeared as sailors loading sand onto the boat that miraculously turned into flour. People were in line to buy this flour but he told them not to. The next day, boats arrived with normal flour.

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15 The Gemara continues with more stories about praying for rain: רבא was visiting Hagronya and decreed a fast because of drought מיטרא ולא, and no rains came. רבא told everyone to continue fasting and in the morning he asked if anyone had a dream. ר' אלעזר said he dreamt that he was calling out; שלם טב לרב טב מריבון טב דמטוביה מטיב לעמיה Good greetings to the good teacher from the good Master Who from His goodness, bestows good to His people. רבא said this means that now is a good time to Daven for mercy, and when he did, the rains came.

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17 רבא had sentenced a man to lashes, and the man died. The Persian king Shapur heard about it, and wanted to punish רבא. Ifra Hurmiz, the mother of the king wanted to save רבא, and told her son to not get the Jews upset because they can pray and make it rain. She had a message sent to רבא about this, and רבא prayed for rain but it did not come. He then began Davening with more fervor and called out to Hashem for a miracle and a strong rain came. רבא's father came to him in a dream and said this was the wrong thing to do, and that רבא should sleep in a different place tonight. In the morning, his old bed was marked up by knives. Rashi says demons had attempted to kill רבא for asking for this miracle.

רבא once decreed a fast for rain **ולא אתא מיטרא**. He became sick and had to eat. He prayed more and still no rain. רב נחמן בר ר' איבא ridiculed him and said maybe if you eat some more, the rain will come. Rav Pappa felt ashamed and upset and the rains came.

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18 The Gemara now tells several stories about the Tanna ר' חנינא בן דוסא: Once when he was walking down the road it started to rain. He Davened that it should stop because it was causing him distress and it stopped. When he got home, he Davened again and the rain resumed.

19 רב יוסף commented that the prayer recited by the Kohen Gadol on Yom Kippur inside the Heichal was not effective against the prayer of ר' חנינא בן דוסא. That prayer asks Hashem; ואל יכנס לפניך תפלת עובדי דרכים, do not let the prayers of the travelers enter before You - meaning, do not stop the rain because the travelers are distressed and ask for the rain to stop. However, ר' חנינא בן דוסא's personal prayer was more effective than that of the Kohen Gadol.

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