

Megilla Daf 16

I: Words

A kemitza is a handful of flour (3 fingers) for a mincha offering (16a, 8th line) – קְמִיִצָּה (1)

Afraid (16a, 9th line) – מִירֵתָהּ (2)

To pray (16a, 11th line) – לְצַלוֹתָא (3)

Possessions (usu. property) (16a, 15th line) – נְכָסִים (4)

Translator/Interpreter (16a, 11th line up) – תּוֹרְגְמָן (5)

Angels who serve (16a, 7 lines up) – מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁרָת (6)

Oy vey – וַיֵּי (7)

Scoring (making lines in parchment before scribing) – שְׂרָטוּט (8)

II: Arguments

1) Famous statements on this Daf:

- The Jewish people are compared to the sand (see Breisheet 13:16) and the stars (see Breisheet 15:5)
- Haman's daughter dumped the chamber pot on her father's head because she assumed that the one leading the horse was Mordecai. When she saw it was her own father, she fell off the roof in shock and died.
- For the cost of 2 *sela* worth of fine fabric, which Ya'akov favored Yosef with over his brothers, one thing led to another and our forefathers descended to Egypt.
- Orah (light) is Torah as it says, "The candle is the mitzva and the Torah is light"

2) Four Halachic teachings on this daf

- The ten sons of Haman and the word "aseret" should be read in one breath. We pasken like this *lechatchila* (Orach Chaim 690:15) and it is also the mimhag to add the words before, "*chamesh mei'ot ish*" ("500 men"), in the breath, based on the teaching that each of Haman's sons was a commander of 50 of them.
- The "vav" of "Vayzata" should be written upright, to represent the pole on which Haman's sons were hung, one above the other.
- The sons of Haman should be written as a "song", with evenly-stacked bricks (*ariach al gabei ariach*).
- The megilla requires "*sirtut*", scoring, like a Torah scroll. The Mishna Berura (691:5) requires the whole megilla to have it, even *b'diavad*, against the Magen Avraham, who says that, *b'di'avad*, if the first line is scored, it is sufficient.

3) The 14 years that Ya'akov spent in the Yeshiva of Shem and Ever

Avraham when Yishmael was born 86
Avraham when Yitzchak was born 100 --> Yishmael is 14 years older
Yitzchak when Ya'akov was born 60 --> Yishmael was 74
Yishmael when he died 137 --> 63 years after Ya'akov was born
Ya'akov when he left home to go to Lavan 63 --> assumes same year as Yishmael dies

Count 1: 14 years until Ya'akov arrives at Lavan (**14 years in yeshiva!**)

Count 2: 14 years until Yosef is born (7 years for Leah and 7 for Rachel)

Ya'akov's age 77 count1: Ya'akov meets Rachel at well
count2: Yosef is born

count 1:

Yaakov's age 91 --> Yosef is born
108 --> Yosef is 17 when he is sold
121 --> Yosef is 30 when he meets Par'o
7 years of plenty, plus 2 famine 130 --> Ya'akov and Yosef are re-united
after 22 years

count 2:

Ya'akov's age 77 --> Yosef is born
94 --> Yosef is 17 when he is sold
107 --> Yosef is 30 when he meets Par'o
7 years of plenty, plus 2 famine 116 --> Ya'akov and Yosef are re-united
When Ya'akov meets Par'o, he is 130 --> **what happened to the 14 years?**

Ya'akov dies after 17 years in Egypt 147 --> Yosef is 56 (count1)

Yosef dies 110 --> Lives 54 years more (count1)
Lives 40 years more (count 2)