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מסכת ביצה דף ו'

DAF YOMI⁴ KIDS

Inside the Daf

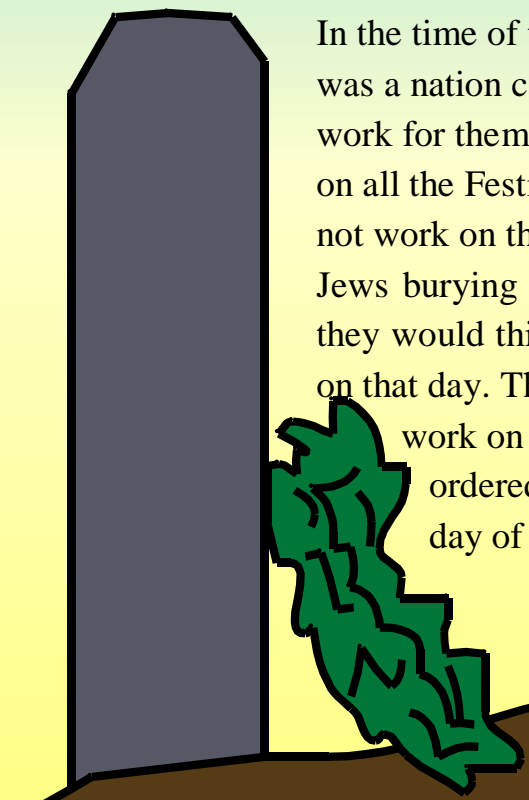
If someone dies on a טוב יום (Festival) we are faced with a problem. On the one hand, it is important to bury the dead immediately. On the other hand, it is forbidden to dig a hole on a Festival.

WORD OF THE DAY:
וְהָאִדְנָא
"AND NOWADAYS"

רַבָּא says, on the first day of a two-day Festival, we should ask a non-Jew to bury the dead. Since burial is a matter of human dignity, we are allowed to ask a non-Jew to perform the burial even though we are usually not allowed to ask a non-Jew to do anything on a Festival that a Jew may not do.

On the second day of a two-day Festival, a Jew is allowed to perform the burial. This is because nowadays we keep a second Festival day due to a commandment from the Sages, not because of a commandment from the Torah. Making a proper burial overrides observing the second day of טוב יום.

In the time of the Talmudic sage, רַבִּינָא there was a nation called the חֲבָרִי who force the Jews to work for them. The חֲבָרִי gave the Jews days off on all the Festivals since they were told Jews may not work on these days. If the חֲבָרִי would see Jews burying their dead on the second day of טוב יום, they would think Jews could perform any type of work on that day. The חֲבָרִי would then force the Jews to work on the second day of טוב יום. רַבִּינָא therefore ordered no bodies to be buried on the second day of a Festival.



Did You Know...
In the times of the Talmud a myrtle twig was placed on the coffin of the dead for his honor.



The Chicken & the Egg

We know that an egg laid on יום טוב (Festival) may not be eaten. What about a chick that hatched from its egg on יום טוב?

According to רב, the chick may not be slaughtered and eaten. The chick has the same

problem as an egg laid on יום טוב: It wasn't "born" when the Festival began. This makes the chick, "נוֹלָד" (born), a category of מְקַצָּה that cannot be handled.

If, however, someone slaughters a hen on יום טוב and finds a complete egg inside, one may eat the egg. In this case the egg hasn't been "born", but is considered part of the body of the slaughtered hen.

Also, a completed egg found inside a slaughtered hen may be eaten with milk, unlike the hen which may not.

מדות A

Moment

As Shlomo ran after the soccer ball he slipped in a puddle of mud. He was soaked head to toe in the brown sludge. His teammates pointed and laughed. That is, until their coach stopped them.

"How can you laugh at Shlomo falling in mud?" he asked. "It's an insult to his dignity."

The teammates just stared blankly at their coach. He saw he had to explain more.

"Human dignity is so important that you can even dig a grave on the second day of a Festival to bury the dead! Laughing at your teammate for falling is disrespectful to his dignity."

The teammates stared at their coach. Finally one of them spoke.

"Um...Shlomo? Can I get you a towel?"

Games



Find 'em!

Find all of the hidden eggs

Review Questions – ביצה דף ו'

1. On what Festival day can a Jew bury the dead?

2. May one eat a chick that hatched on יום טוב (Festival)?

3. What did people used to put on coffins to honor the dead?