

DAF YOMI4 Kids

מסכת
מועד קטן
דף כא

Inside the Daf

The גמרא lists activities that a mourner may not do.



A MOURNER'S RESTRICTIONS

Studying *אגדות
and *מדרש



Studying Bible



Leather Shoes



Studying Jewish Law



Bathing



Anointing



Working



Studying Talmud



Studying משנה (Oral Law)



אגדות – Reasons and explanations of the Torah's laws

מדרש - Laws learned from the Torah's text



Did You Know...

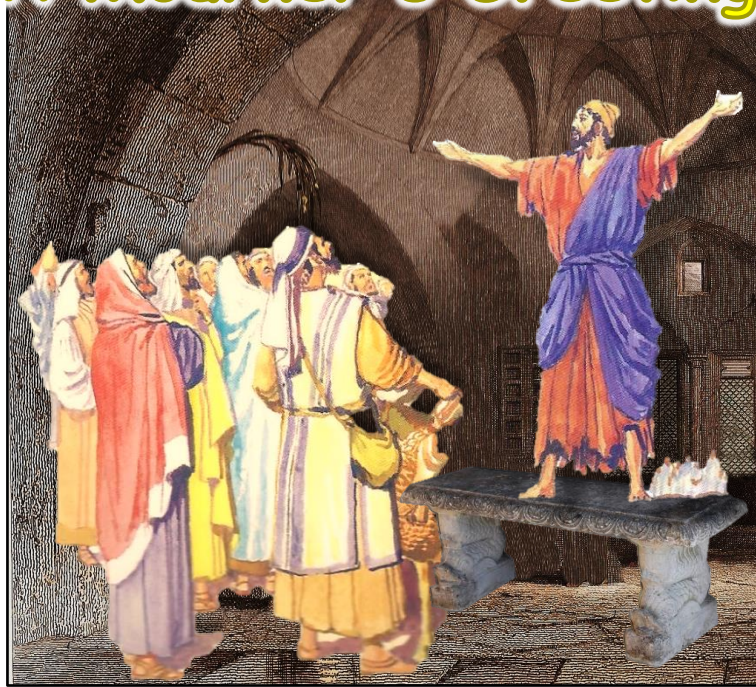
One must tear one's clothing when a close relative dies. The tearing must be done while standing just like דָּוִד המלך (King David) stood when he tore his clothing upon hearing of the death of his son (see שמואל ב יג, לא II Sam. 13.31).

A Mourner's Greeting

When a close relative dies, one observes an intense period of mourning for seven days, called "שבועה" (lit. "seven days").

During the first three days of שבועה, a mourner may not even greet another person. If someone greets him, he may not greet the person

back. But the mourner shouldn't be rude and ignore the greeter, either. Rather, he should tell the greeter that he is mourning and cannot greet anyone.



When רבי עקיבא's son died, many people came to visit the sage. As they left, רבי עקיבא stood on a bench and said, "Even if I had buried two married sons I would have been comforted by the great honor you have shown me. You came to give honor to the Torah, and your reward shall be

doubled. Go to your homes in peace!" רבי עקיבא was allowed to give this parting greeting since he was showing honor to the public.

A מְדוּת Moment

As the boys rode on the school bus on their way to their first day of school, they took the time to remember some of the funnier things that had happened to them the past school year.

"Hey Gavriel," said Hudi, "remember when our English teacher yelled at you in front of the whole class and kicked you out?"

"That was *hilarious!*" added Max.

"You know," said Gavriel, "in *daf yomi* we are told not to go up to someone after their mourning period is over and remind them of their departed relative. The גְּמֵרָא compares this to someone who had a broken foot which healed and then a doctor came along and broke it again! Reminding someone of unpleasant experiences causes more pain than good."

Games



Unscramble the Hebrew word for each activity one may not do in a synagogue

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Review Questions – מועד קטן דף כ"א

1. List 3 things a mourner may not do.

2. What may a mourner not do during the first three days of שבועה?

3. How do we know that one stands while tearing over the death of a close relative?