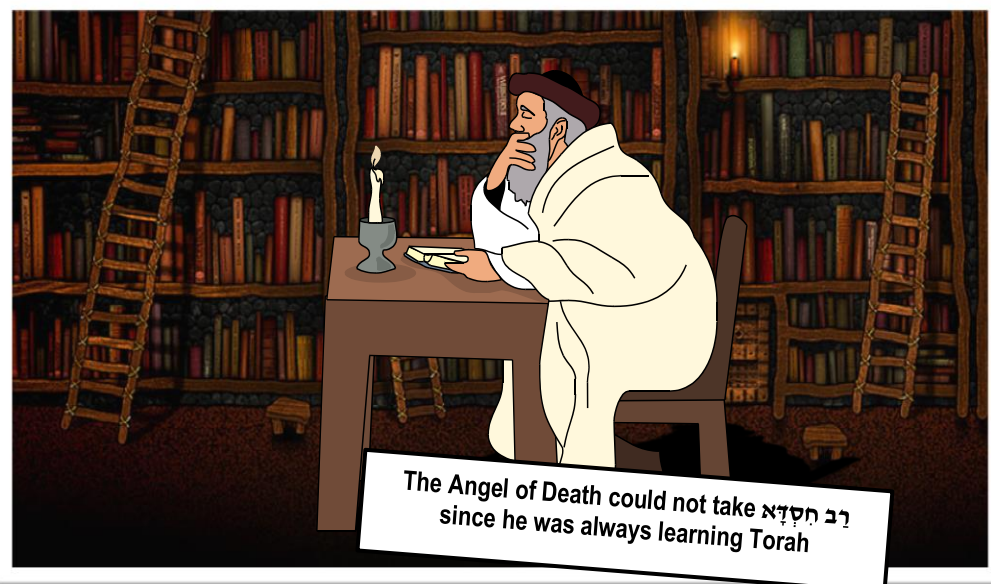


# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

מסכת  
מועד קטן  
דף כה

## Inside the Daf

Many people think of the Angel of Death as a frightening creature, but really, he is Hashem's messenger who is given the task of ending a person's life.



me?" After all, the day wasn't over.

"The time has come," explained the Angel of Death, "for the son of רב הונא (רב הונא) (בר נתן) to take over

Many sages in Talmudic times spoke with the Angel of Death. Once he appeared to רב אשי to end his life.

"Wait another thirty days," said רב אשי. "I will review my studies in that time. In Heaven they say, 'fortunate is he who comes here with his learning in his hand.'"

Before the thirtieth day was over, the Angel of Death returned for רב אשי. The sage asked him, "What's the rush to kill

your position as leader of the Babylonian community. In Heaven, the rule of one leader cannot last even a moment longer if another person should be the leader." רב אשי had to die to make way for רב הונא בר נתן's leadership.

The גמרא relates how the Angel of Death could not take רב חסדא since he was always learning Torah which protected him from death. Finally, the crack of a cedar tree distracted רב חסדא and the Angel of Death was able to take him.

### A Moment מְדוּת

"Hey, Chaim, did you hear? I'm part of the חברה קדישא now! I help take care of the dead after they pass away. Hold on, I have to tell more people...Hey Ben!"

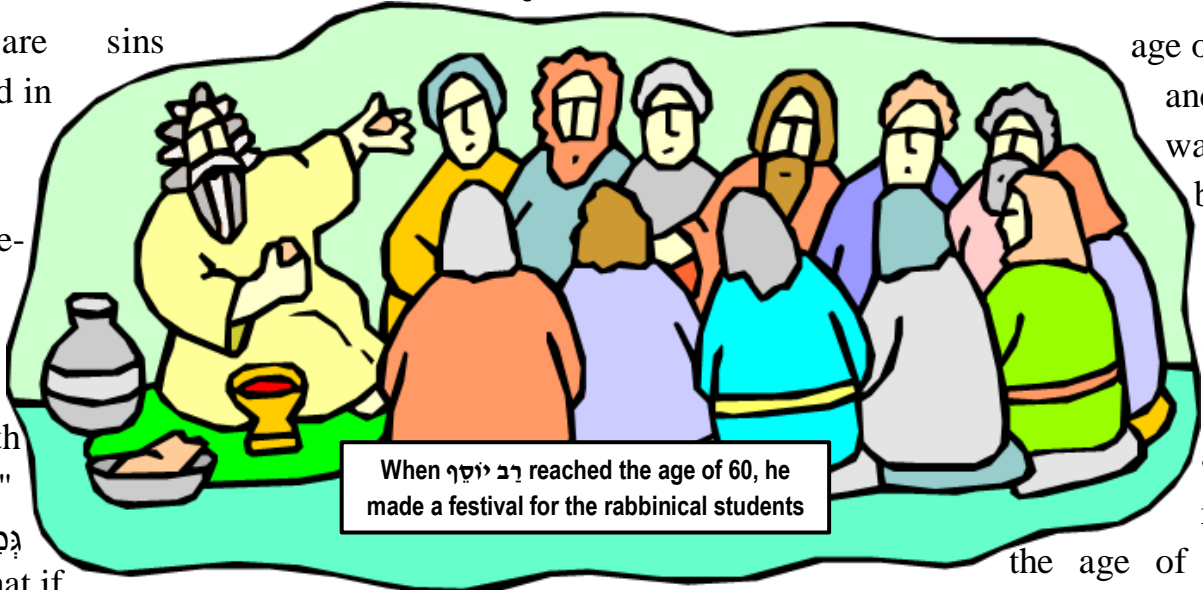
"That's a wonderful thing," said Chaim, "but I'm not sure you should be announcing this task so publicly. The גמרא teaches that we should perform חסד, good deeds, for the dead quietly. It is not appropriate to work on behalf of the dead with haughtiness and bragging. If one attends to the dead quietly, he will be raised by Heaven!"

WORD OF THE DAY:  
אֵלָא  
"BUT / RATHER"

# Early Death

There are sins mentioned in the Torah for which one may receive a punishment of early death, or "כְּרַת."

The נְמָרָא teaches that if one dies between the ages of 50 and 60 this may be the result of the כְּרַת death penalty. However, just because someone died between these ages it doesn't mean that he or she has been punished by כְּרַת. The prophet שְׁמוּאֵל (Samuel) died at the young



age of 52 and this was not because he received כְּרַת.

When רב יוסף reached the age of 60, he made a festival for the rabbinical students to celebrate that he could no longer receive כְּרַת. מַר זוּטְרָא says that someone who dies at the age of 60 has died at a "mature age," meaning, at a normal time and his death was not a punishment for a sin.

## Games

### SECRET CODE

Use the code to find how we say...

**FORTUNATE IS HE WHO COMES HERE WITH HIS LEARNING IN HIS HAND**

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### Did You Know...

רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן teaches that when one visits a mourner, one may not speak until the mourner speaks first. This is learned from אִיּוֹב (Job) who spoke first before his comforters spoke to him (see אִיּוֹב בִּיד, Job 2,14).

### מועד קטן דף כ"ח כ"ח

1. What did אַשֵׁי רַב request of the Angel of Death?  
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2. At what age may a death be the result of כְּרַת?  
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3. When visiting a mourner, what should one not do until the mourner does it first?  
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