

# DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

מסכת  
מועד קטן  
דף כט

## Inside the Daf

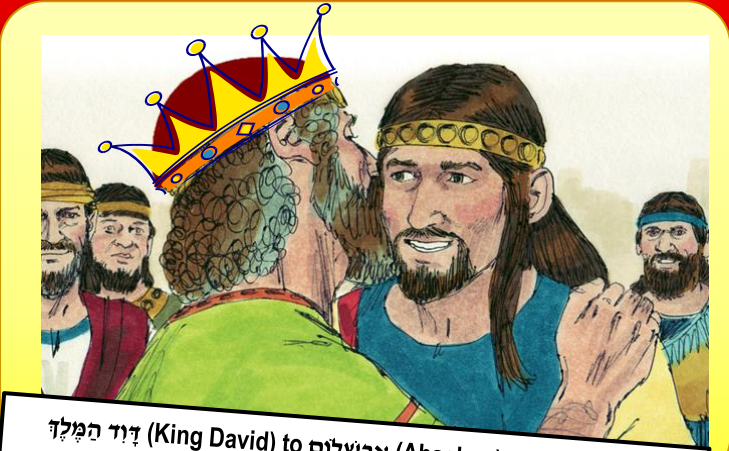
When a coffin was brought from one city to another for burial, before it left the city, the residents would say "goodbye" to the body. How would they say "goodbye?"

אֲבִי רַבִּי לְוִי בַר חֲנִינְיָה says that when one leaves a dead body he should say, "לֵךְ בְּשָׁלוֹם", "go in peace" and not "לֵךְ לְשָׁלוֹם", "go to peace." Why?

When Hashem talks of אַבְרָהָם's (Abraham) death, He says that אַבְרָהָם will "come to your ancestors *in* peace" (see בראשית טו, טו, Gen. 15,15). We see that in death, one goes "*in* peace" and not "*to* peace."

Also, דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ (King David) told his rebellious son, אַבְשָׁלוֹם (Absalom) to "go *in* peace" before travelling to Hebron. In the end, אַבְשָׁלוֹם met his end when he was slain by the king's general, יֹאָב, after the rebel's mule passed beneath a tree and his long hair was caught in the branches. We see that the wish to "go *in* peace" can have a disastrous effect.

On the other hand, מֹשֶׁה's (Moses) father-in-law, יִתְרוֹ (Jethro) told מֹשֶׁה to "go *to* peace" when he asked for יִתְרוֹ's permission to leave Midian and return to Egypt. מֹשֶׁה's journey was successful and we see it is proper to wish someone to go "*to* peace."



דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ (King David) to אַבְשָׁלוֹם (Absalom) : "go in peace"



יִתְרוֹ (Jethro) to מֹשֶׁה (Moses) : "go to peace"

### A Moment

Robbie always wondered what dying would be like. He decided to ask his rabbi.

"Well Robbie," the rabbi said, "the גְּמָרָא teaches that sometimes dying is a knotted rope being pulled through a hole. Some say it is like a cable being pulled through a hole. This means, the more connected we are to this world, the harder it is to depart from it. The pain one feels on death depends on how connected we are to this world. If we care about worldly things like wealth, popularity and relaxation when we die we will have to be ripped away from all of these things. This will make our death more difficult."

"But the more removed we are from this world and focused on things like Torah study and acts of kindness, the easier it will be when we die to leave this world behind."

(מכתב מאליהו ח"ד, עמ' 169)



רבי יוחנן בר נפחא opened a school in Tiberias

**PROFILE:**

רבי יוחנן  
 בר נפחא

**Who:** An Amora

**When:** c. 400 (c.250 CE)

**Where:** Tiberias, Israel

**Teachers:** רבי אושעיא, רבי יהודה הנשיא, רבי עמיאל

**Contemporaries:** ריש לקיש

**Famous Quote:** "Whenever you find Hashem's might, you find His humility." (מגילה לא.)

רבי יוחנן was born in צפורה (Sepphoris) in Israel and was orphaned at birth. Even though at first he wasn't able to understand the Torah classes of רבי יוחנן (the compiler of the תלמוד) the latter predicted that great things could be expected of Yochanan.

In order to support himself while studying Torah, רבי יוחנן sold land he had inherited, including a vineyard and an olive orchard. When money from these sales ran out, רבי יוחנן considered entering the world of commerce. When one day he heard an angel say he could accomplish much in Torah learning, he chose to live a life of poverty studying Torah. Indeed, רבי יוחנן eventually compiled the תלמוד ירושלמי (Jerusalem Talmud).

Eventually, רבי יוחנן moved to Tiberias to teach Torah. Anyone who wished to learn Torah was welcome at this school, which was a rare policy at the time.

When רבי יוחנן died, רבי יצחק בן אבא said, "This day is as sad for the Jewish People as if the sun had set at noon."

**WORD OF THE DAY:**

שנאמר

"AS IT SAYS IN THE VERSE"

**GEMATRIA CODE:**

Write the Hebrew letter for each number and find...

The proper way to wish someone off

40 06 30 300 30 20 30



**Did You Know...**

רבי לוי says, whoever goes from the synagogue straight to the study hall (and from the study hall straight to the synagogue) will merit to greet Hashem's Presence.

הדרו עלך מסכת מועד קטן

**Games**

**Review Questions – מועד קטן דף כ"ט**

1. When should one say "go to peace"?

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2. What is a famous statement of רבי יוחנן?

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3. According to רבי לוי, who will merit to greet Hashem's Presence?

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