

DAF YOMI 4
KIDS

Inside-the-Daf

חכרים Not many people have heard of the **חכרים**. They were a group of Persians who had no respect for the Jewish people.

חכרים **רבי יוחנן** When the **חכרים** heard that the **רבי יוחנן** were coming to Babylonia, he was concerned. When they came they made three decrees, or rules, for the Jews.

The first decree was that Jews were not allowed to eat kosher meat. **רבי יוחנן** explained that this decree came measure for measure. The Jewish community was not giving its **כלהנים** the gifts of meat that were owed to them.

The **חכרים** also ruled that the Jews could not use the bathhouses. **רבי יוחנן** explained that this, too, was measure for measure as the Jews were not using the **מתקנות** (ritual baths) properly.

חכרים Finally, **רבי יוחנן** was told that the **רבי יוחנן** were exhuming (unburying) the dead. The **חכרים** explains that the dead are exhumed when the living have sinned. In this case, **רבי יוחנן** explained that the Babylonian Jews were celebrating on the **חכרים**'s holidays. Hashem therefore gave them a time to mourn.

Difficult Wives

In our lives, most of us will have to deal with someone who isn't so nice. Imagine how difficult that would be if that person is your wife!

רַב had a wife who would aggravate him on purpose. When he would ask her to cook lentils, she would cook peas. When he asked her to cook peas, she would cook lentils!

רַב's son, חייא, had an idea. He would tell his mother the *opposite* of what רַב really wanted.



חִיאָה also had a difficult wife who caused him much suffering. Even so, when she would go to the market and find something her wife would enjoy, he would buy it for her and wrap it up nicely.

"But doesn't she make you suffer?" asked his father.

"It is enough for me that she raises my children and saves us from sinning."

A מדרות Moment

"There's someone in my class who is *so annoying!*" said Chizkiya. "He bugs me all day and I don't know what to do about him!"

"Why not learn from the example of רַבֵּי חִיאָה?" said his father. "He had a wife who caused him much suffering. Instead of complaining about her, he was thankful that she raised his children and saved him from sin. We can learn a great lesson: When someone frustrates you, think of all the good things they do. You will be sure to develop a better opinion of them!"



Did You Know...

"Do not be bothered by troubles that have not yet come. Who knows what the future will bring? Perhaps you will not be alive tomorrow and you will have been bothered for no reason."



Games

במotaת דף זג – Review Questions

1. Describe one of the תקנות's decrees and why it came.

2. What did רַבֵּי חִיאָה say about his wife?

3. Why should we not be bothered about problems that have not yet come?

WHICH ONE DOESN'T BELONG? WHY?

Read the daf and find the word that doesn't belong in each set

1. Lentils, stew, peas
2. מקוות's meat, kosher chicken, כהנים
3. Bathhouses, kosher meat, Sabbath
4. רַב, רַבֵּי חִיאָה, רַבֵּי יוֹחָנָן