

Inside The Daf



Did You Know...

The First המקדש stood for 410 years. The Second המקדש stood for 420 years.

Imagine having a place where miracles happened everyday? A place where all Jews would gather to worship Hashem and where everyone felt close to Him.

There was once a place like this. It was called the בית המקדש (Holy Temple).

שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ (King Solomon) built the First המקדש (Holy Temple) but many years later it was destroyed for three reasons:

1. עֲבוֹדַת זָרָה (Idolatry)
2. גִּילּוּי עֲרִיּוֹת (Immorality)
3. שְׁפִיכוֹת דָּמִים (Murder)

After the First Temple was destroyed, the Jews were forced into exile from the Land of Israel. About 70 years later they returned with עֲזָרָא and built a Second Temple.

During the time of the Second המקדש, the Jews learned much Torah, performed many מִצְוֹת and practiced גְּמִילוּת חֶסֶדִים (acts of lovingkindness). But eventually, the Temple was destroyed.

Why?



רַבֵּי יוֹחָנָן בֶּן תּוֹרְתָא says it was destroyed because of the sin of שְׁנֵאת הַנֶּם (baseless hatred). In the time of the Second Temple, many Jews hated each other for no good reason.

We learn from this that baseless hatred is just as bad as idolatry, immorality and murder because all these actions caused the destruction of a בית המקדש!

WORD OF THE DAY:
מִפְּנֵי
 "BECAUSE (OF)"



A Moment מְדוּת

"Hey, Zevi, what do you think of the new kid in school?"

"You mean Tzvi Feinstein? He's so weird! Do you see the kind of *kippah* he wears? And he's no good in sports also. I'm not going to be his friend."

Chaim Horowitz couldn't help overhearing the conversation.

"Hey Zevi," Chaim said. "Remember how we learned why the Second *בית המקדש* was destroyed?"

"Sure, I do," Zevi said proudly. "It was destroyed because of *שנאת חנם*, baseless hatred."

"Right, Zevi," said Chaim. "And what does that mean?"

"Umm...uhh," Zevi said, stumped.

"Well," smiled Chaim, "maybe a good example would be not liking another Jew because of his clothing, or just because he's a bit different than you."

"Say, Chaim," Zevi said. "I never thought of it that way. I guess I should be nice to this new Tzvi kid."

"That's a good idea," said Chaim. "Since the *בית המקדש* was destroyed from hatred for no reason, it will only be rebuilt by loving a Jew for no reason!"

(נחמד מזהב)

A Matter of מְחֻלָּקָה

Who were better? The Jews of the First Temple Era, or the Second Temple Era?

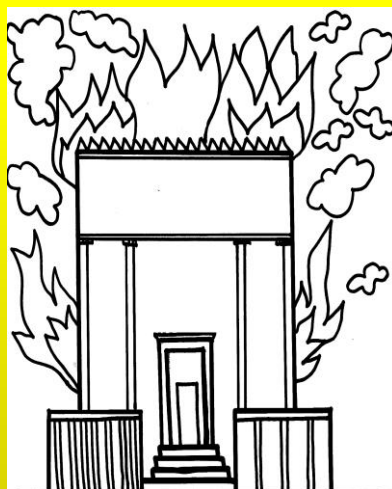
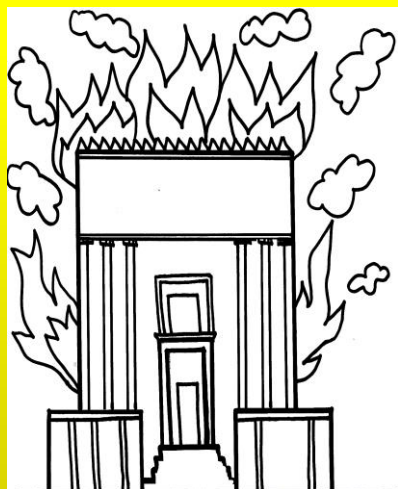
רבי יוחנן: The fingernails of the Jews of the First *בית המקדש* are better than the bellies of the Jews of the Second *בית המקדש*! Even a fool who lived in the time of the First *בית המקדש* is better than an important person who lived during the Second Temple. (מהרש"א)

ריש לקיש: No, we are better than the earlier generations. We study Torah even though we live under foreign rulers who cause us harm! The earlier generations were able to study Torah under better conditions.

רבי יוחנן: I can prove the earlier generations were better: After the First *בית המקדש* was destroyed they were worthy to have a Second *בית המקדש* built. After the Second *בית המקדש* was destroyed however, the Jews were not worthy enough to have another Temple built.

Games

Can you find 10 differences between the pictures?



Name: _____

יומא דף ט' - Review Questions

1. Why was the First *בית המקדש* (Temple) destroyed?

2. Why was the Second *בית המקדש* destroyed?

3. How long did the Second *בית המקדש* stand?

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