

DAF YOMI<sup>4</sup>  
KIDS

## Inside The Daf

The gates that lead from the east into the עֲזָרָה (Court-yard) of the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple) are called the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ Gates. The גְּמָרָא tells us the miraculous story behind these gates.



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A man named בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ had gone to Alexandria in Egypt to get doors for the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ. On his way back to Jerusalem, a storm arose at sea and the sailors threw one of the doors overboard to lighten the ship.

The storm raged on and the ship was still in danger. The sailors took the second door to throw it overboard but בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ strapped his body to it.

"Throw me into the sea with it!" בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ cried.

Before the sailors had a chance to abide בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ's wishes, the storm stopped.

בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ was surely relieved, but was pained about the loss of the first door. When he arrived at the port of Acre, he saw the first door coming up from under the sides of the boat! (Others say, a sea monster swallowed it and spat it out on the dry land!)

To commemorate this miracle, when all the gates in the Temple were changed to gold, the copper בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ gates remained unchanged. Some say: the copper was so bright it shone like gold.

WORD OF THE DAY:

הָלָלוּ

"THESE ONES"

# Up in Smoke

In the time of the Second **בית המקדש** (Holy Temple) the **אבטינס** family was responsible for making the **קטרות** (incense) and were the only ones who knew how to prepare it properly. They refused to share this secret with anyone.

The **חכמים** (Sages) of their generation called the **אבטינס** family "wicked" because the only reason they kept this secret was so their family name would be honored for their skill!

The **חכמים** sent for specialists from Alexandria in Egypt, who knew how to mix incense as well as the **אבטינס** family, but they did not know how to make the smoke rise up straight as a stick. The Alexandrian's smoke scattered in every direction. When the Sages saw this they realized that Hashem must have chosen the **אבטינס** family specially for this duty. The **חכמים** asked them to return to making the **קטרות** but the **אבטינס** family refused. Only after doubling their wages did they agree to return.



# A מְדוּת Moment

There was no question about it. Johnny Teitelbaum was the best basketball player in the school. He moved like fire on the courts and almost every shot he took, scored.

Manny, the new kid in school, wasn't fitting in. For one thing, he wasn't all that good at sports. If someone would just teach him a few moves it would go a long way!

One day he mustered up the courage to ask Johnny.

"Sorry, Manny," came the reply. "Those moves are my special secret. I can't just give them away."

That day in *daf yomi* Rabbi Zerkoff was teaching about the families of **גְּרָמוּ** and **אבטינס**.

Both of them had special skills they didn't want to share with anyone else. Because of this arrogance, the Sages called them "wicked" and said their names should rot!

Manny looked at Johnny who seemed a bit ashamed. He went up to Manny.

"Uh...sorry Manny," said Johnny. "I'll be glad to teach you what I know about playing basketball. From *daf yomi* we see we can't just keep our knowledge to ourselves; we have to share it, too."



## Did You Know...

The **גְּמָרָא** teaches that before one righteous person passes away from the world, another righteous person is born to replace him. For example, the prophet **שְׁמוּאֵל** (Samuel) was born before the righteous **עֵלִי** (Eli) died.

## Games

These shadows have come from the picture above. Can you find the items in the picture that cast the shadows?



## Review Questions – יומא דף ל"ח

1. What material were the **גַּתוֹת** Gates made from?

2. Why did the Sages call the **אבטינס** family "wicked"?

3. Which prophet was born before **עֵלִי** was born?