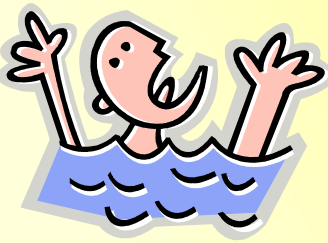


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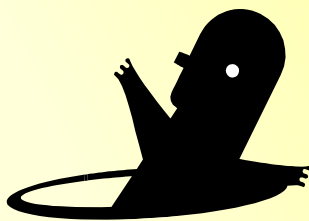
DAF YOMI⁴ Kids

Inside the Daf

Our גמרא teaches "whoever is quick to save a life on שַׁבָּת" - even if he has to desecrate the Sabbath – "is praiseworthy." The גמרא gives some examples where one can violate the Sabbath to save a life...without having to ask a Jewish court's permission.



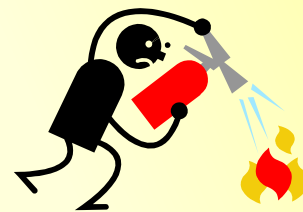
If a child fell into the sea... you can spread a net to catch him (even if you catch a fish at the same time (which is 'trapping' and usually not allowed on שַׁבָּת))



If a child fell into a pit... you can lower the rim around the pit to enter inside (which is 'building' and usually not allowed on שַׁבָּת). In fact, you may even build a step ladder to get in.



If a child is locked in a room... you may break down the door even if you will use the door splinters to build (which is a type of 'building' not allowed on the Sabbath)



A fire can be extinguished if it is a danger to life... even if you prepare embers for roasting while you are extinguishing the fire (which is a type of 'kindling' not allowed on שַׁבָּת)



Did You Know...

The disease of צפירינג came from eating hot wheat bread or fried fish hash that had been left to sit overnight.

A מידות Moment

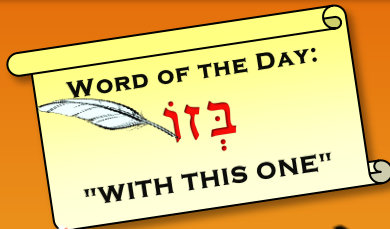
"There goes Motti," said Hudi. "How come he always smells so awful?"

"Watch what you say, Hudi," said Justin. "You're speaking הרע לשון, evil speech. In daf yomi today we learn how the bite of a mad dog has no cure. Similarly, someone who constantly speaks הרע לשון (evil speech) has no atonement."

"Not only that," added Mattityahu, "but a mad dog's mouth hangs open just like someone who gossips. Its spittle trickles, just like someone who speaks evil leaves disgusting droplets of evil speech wherever he goes. A mad dog's ears hang low, its tail rests between its legs and it walks on the far side of the street so its prey won't be afraid, just like a gossip will readily bounce on his prey he is talking about."

"Wow," said Hudi, "I never knew how awful הרע לשון really is. I should be more careful...after all, I don't want to end up a 'mad dog'!"

(שמירת הלשון, שער הזכירה, פרק ד)



From Tooth to Stomach

צָפִידָנָה suffered from a disease called צָפִידָנָה. This disease causes blood to gush out of one's gums. צָפִידָנָה was a serious illness that could be life threatening; the גְּמָרָא tells us it begins in the mouth but spreads to the inner organs.

Since צָפִידָנָה is such a serious disease, one may violate שַׁבָּת (the Sabbath) in order to treat the illness.

רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן went to a certain non-Jewish noblewoman who was known to have a cure for this disease. On Thursday, she made him a remedy for his illness.

"What should I do if I still need treatment on the Sabbath?" רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן asked the noblewoman.

"I could give you the recipe for the remedy," said the noblewoman, "but you must swear you will not reveal the remedy to anyone!"

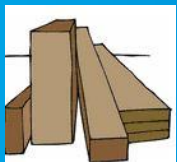
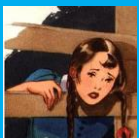
"To the G-d of Israel," said רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן, "I will not reveal this remedy!"

The noblewoman gave the rabbi the remedy for his disease and he immediately told the recipe to his entire class!

What of רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן's promise to not reveal the secret? The גְּמָרָא explains that רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן had promised not to tell the secret to the G-d of Israel...but to His people, Israel, he would reveal it.

Games

Match the act you can do on the Sabbath (left) with the violation it *would* have been (right)



The גְּמָרָא further explains that רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן told the noblewoman at the beginning that his oath wasn't real and, probably, that he intended to benefit the public with this knowledge.

יומא דף פ"ד – Review Questions

- List 2 examples from the גְּמָרָא of desecrating שַׁבָּת to save a life.

- Who did רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן go to for a cure for צָפִידָנָה?

- What caused the disease of צָפִידָנָה?
