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Taanis Daf Chuf Hey

- **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, every day a bas kol comes forth and says, "The entire world is supported in the merit of my son **Chanina**, but **Chanina** himself subsists on a kav of carob for the entire week".
 - **R' Chanina's** wife would make her oven smoke (through the chimney) on Erev Shabbos (even though she had nothing to bake) because she was embarrassed that all the neighbors were using their ovens to bake for Shabbos and she had nothing to bake. She had a bad neighbor who said, I know they have nothing, how is it that their chimney is giving out so much smoke? She knocked on the door, and **R' Chanina's** wife ran to another room because she was embarrassed. The neighbor let herself in and saw an oven full of bread and a bowl full of dough. She called out to **R' Chanina's** wife to bring the baking paddle to remove the bread before they burn. **R' Chanina's** wife said, "that is where I just went – to get the paddle". The Gemara says, she actually had gone to get the paddle, because she was used to having miracles happen and was sure one would happen then as well.
 - **R' Chanina's** wife told him that he must do something to relieve their financial situation. He davened, and a hand came out from Heaven and gave him the leg of a golden table (which was worth a lot of money). He later told her, I had a dream that we were in Olam Habah, and everyone was eating on golden tables with 3 legs, but we were eating at a golden table of only 2 legs. She asked, what can we do to rectify that? She told him, daven that it should be taken back. He davened and the leg was taken back to Heaven. It was taught that the taking back was a greater miracle than the giving, because things are given by Heaven, but not taken back.
 - **R' Chanina** once saw that his daughter was upset on Friday evening. She explained that she had mistakenly filled the lamps for Shabbos with vinegar instead of oil, and the light would therefore quickly go out. He told her, "Hashem Who has commanded oil to light can also command that the vinegar stay lit". It was taught that the lamps continued burning the entire Shabbos to the point that they took fire from it for Havdalah.
 - People once complained to **R' Chanina** that his goats were damaging their fields. He said, "If this is true, let all my goats be eaten by bears. If it is not true, let each goat come back tonight carrying a bear in its horns". That night, each goat came back carrying a bear in its horns.
 - He had a neighbor who was building a house and the beams ended up being too short. He said to the neighbor, "Let your beams become longer", and they became longer and stuck out an amah on each side of the wall.
 - **Q:** We said that **R' Chanina** was very poor, so how did he have goats? Also, we have learned that one should not raise small cattle in Eretz Yisrael!? **A:** **R' Pinchas** said, someone once mistakenly left chickens in front of **R' Chanina's** house. He told his wife she may not eat from the eggs, because they belong to the one who left the chickens. Eventually it became too difficult to care for the chickens and eggs, so they sold them and bought goats with the money. The person once came back and asked whether anyone found his chickens, and **R' Chanina** gave him the goats.
- **R' Elazar ben Pedas** was very poor. He once let blood and had nothing to eat but a head of garlic. He ate it, became weak, and fell asleep. The **Rabanan** went to visit and saw him sleeping. In his sleep they saw him laugh, cry, and then a spark came from his forehead. When he awoke

they asked him what caused this behavior? He said, "I was sitting near Hashem and I asked Him how much longer I must suffer in poverty. He said to me, if you want, I will destroy the world and create it again, and you may be born during a mazal of better parnassah. I said to Hashem, to go through all that bother and "maybe" things will be better? I asked Hashem whether I have passed the half point of my life, and He said that I have (which is why I cried). I said to Hashem that He should not destroy the world for me. Hashem then told me that I will be given tremendous rewards for saying so (which is when I was happy and laughed). I then asked to receive the portion of Olam Habah from the people who will not merit their portions. Hashem snapped His fingers and flicked me on my forehead (as a showing of happiness for my asking, which is why the spark came out)".

- **R' Chama bar Chanina** was goizer a taanis and it did not rain. The people said to him, when **R' Yehoshua ben Levi** is goizer a taanis it rains! He responded, I am not as great as him. He told the people to bring **R' Yehoshua ben Levi** to join in the tefillos. Rain still did not come. He asked them, do you want the rain to come in all our joint zechusim? They said yes. He said to the sky, "Cover your face with clouds". Clouds did not come. He said "Look how much chutzpah the sky has". The clouds then came and the rain began.
- **Levi** was once goizer a taanis and rain did not come. He said to Hashem, "You have gone to the Heavens and no longer have mercy on Your children!" The rain came, but **Levi** became lame (as a punishment for such speech).
 - Although we find another reason for his becoming lame (when he was showing how to do the "kida" bowing), both incidents are what caused it to happen.
- **R' Chiya bar Lulyani** heard 2 clouds saying, "Let's go bring water to Amon and Moav". **R' Chiya** said to Hashem, "You offered the Torah to all the nations and none accepted. Now You are going to give them the rain?" The clouds let their rain down in Eretz Yisrael.
 - **R' Chiya bar Lulyani** darshened the pasuk ("Tzaddik katamar yifrach, k'erez...") that compares a tzaddik to a date tree and to a cedar tree. The pasuk needed to compare the tzaddik to both. If it would just compare him to a date tree, we would say that a tzaddik is like a date tree in that it does not regenerate (i.e. a tzaddik won't have techiyas hameisim), so the pasuk compares him also to a cedar which does. If he was only compared to a cedar, we would say that a tzaddik won't have offspring, like a cedar (i.e. he won't get rewarded in Olam Habbah), so the pasuk compares him to a date tree as well.
 - **Q:** A Braisa says that a cedar tree does not regenerate!? **A:** There are many types of "erez" (cedar) trees. Some do regenerate and others do not.
- A Braisa says, **R' Eliezer** was once goizer 13 fasts, and it did not rain. The people were leaving the shul at the last fast and **R' Eliezer** asked them, "Have you prepared your graves" (we will all die from starvation)!? The people began to cry. Then the rain began. It also once happened that **R' Eliezer** said the 24 brachos by a fast and it did not rain. **R' Akiva** then went and said 2 of the "avinu malkeinu" verses, and it began to rain. People began to talk that **R' Akiva** must be greater. A bas kol came out and said, this did not happen because **R' Akiva** is greater, rather it is because he is a more forgiving person.
- A Braisa asks, how much rain must fall for the tzibbur to be able to stop their fasting? **R' Meir** says, enough so that the depth of the plow's blades are saturated with water. The **Chachomim** say, if the ground was dry, we may stop when the rain reaches one tefach into the ground. If the ground is medium level (not hard or soft), it must go 2 tefachim deep. If the ground was already worked on, it must go 3 tefachim deep.
 - A Braisa says, **R' Shimon ben Elazar** says, every time it rains a tefach, there rises 3 tefachim of water from the depths of the earth.
 - **Q:** Another Braisa says it rises only 2 tefachim!? **A:** That is when the earth is worked out more.
- **R' Elazar** said, when the water offering is brought on Succos, the waters of the depths say to each other, "Bring forth your waters, because I have heard the voice of 2 friends (the wine and the water offerings)".

- **Rabbah** said, I saw the Malach in charge of rain. He looks like a calf with separated lips. He stands between the upper and lower waters, and tells the upper waters to rain down and the lower water to bring forth.

HAYU MISANIN V'YARDU GESHAMIM KODEM HANETZ HACHAMAH...

- A Braisa says, **R' Meir** says if they were fasting and the rain came before sunrise, they need not complete the fast. If it began raining after sunrise, they must complete the fast. **R' Yehuda** says if the rain began before chatzos they need not complete the fast, but if it began after chatzos, they must complete the fast. **R' Yose** says, the cutoff is at 9 hours into the day.
 - **R' Yehuda the Nasi** was goizer a taanis and it began raining after sunrise. He thought to make the people complete the fast, but **R' Ami** said the cutoff is chatzos.
 - **Shmuel Hakatan** was goizer a taanis and it began to rain before sunrise. The people felt this was a good thing. **Shmuel** told them, by raining before the davening took place, it was as if Hashem was saying, "I will give the rain because I don't want to hear their tefillos".
 - Another time he was goizer a taanis and it rained after sunset of the full day of fasting. They felt this was a good thing (based on the above) that Hashem wanted to hear their tefillos. **Shmuel** told them, by raining after a full day of fasting it is as if Hashem was saying, "I will not give them the rain until after they have suffered an entire day".
 - **Q:** According to **Shmuel** what would be a good sign? **A:** If when they say "mashiv haruach" the wind blows, and when they say "morid hageshem", the rain begins to fall.

MAASEH V'GAZRU TAANIS B'LUD...

- **Q:** Why didn't they say Hallel before they went to eat? **A: Abaye and Rava** both say, one should not say Hallel unless he is full and satisfied.
 - **Q: R' Pappa** was once goizer a taanis and it rained before chatzos. He had them say Hallel and only then did they go home to eat and drink!? **A:** The people of that place would often become drunk, so he could not let them eat and drink first.

HADRAN ALACH PEREK SEDER TAANIYOS EILU!!!