

Jewish Literacy Programme

Year 4 ~ Week 14

Write each Hebrew word into script

~ Part One: Vocabulary Study

English Translation	חומֵשׁ Words	English Translation	חומֵשׁ Words
like it, like him	כְּמֹהוּ _____	here I am	הֲנִנִּי _____
courtyard	חֲצֵר _____	hunger, famine	רָעָב _____
remembrance	זִכָּר _____	a well	בְּאֵר _____

English Translation / Explanation

G.K. Words

מְגִילֹת הַחֲמֵשׁ

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Shir HaShirim is recited on Pesach.

It is about the love between a man and a woman, but it is a מְשָׁל, a metaphor; the נִמְשָׁל, the true meaning, is that **it refers to the love between Hashem and the Jewish People.** Rabbi Akiva said that Shir HaShirim should be included in Tanach. He said that if all the other Books of the Bible are considered “Kedoshim,” Holy, then **Shir HaShirim must be considered “Kodesh Kodoshim,”** the Holiest of the Holy.

שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים

Megillat Rut is recited on Shavuot. It is the story of a Moabite princess, רֹוּת, who showed great חֶסֶד to her mother-in-law, Naomi. Rut gave up her royal life in Moav, converted to Judaism and went to live with her mother-in-law in Eretz Yisrael. דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ was Rut’s great grandson.

מְגִילַת רוּת

איכה is read on Tisha B’Av. It was written by יִרְמְיָהוּ, who was a witness to the terrible events at the time of the destruction of the First Beit HaMikdash by Nevuchadnetzar in 586 B.C.E. It is five poems that speak in sadness about the destruction of Jerusalem.

מְגִילַת אֵיכָה

קהלת is read on Succot. It was written by שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ, King Solomon, and it talks about the purpose of life.

קֹהֶלֶת

מְגִילַת אֶסְתֵּר is read on Purim. It is the story of how Esther, the cousin of Mordechai, became queen of Persia and saved the Jews from the wicked Haman’s plot to destroy them. Hashem’s Name is not mentioned in the Megilla, but as the story unfolds we see how He is always present and guiding events in order to save the Jews from destruction.

מְגִילַת

אֶסְתֵּר

א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ	ך	ל	מ	נ	ס	ע	פ	ף	צ	ץ	ק	ר	ש	ת
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