

INSTRUCTIONS:

First, watch the opening video - you will see that our rabbis get themselves into some trouble! This puzzle board contains the key to reversing their spell-gone-awry. The rabbis need your help deciphering its message.

Attached you will find a clue sheet. Each clue will guide you to cross off a set of numbers from the puzzle board. Sometimes these numbers will be right next to each other on the puzzle board; other times they will be spread out across the board.

On the back of the clue sheet is a "hint sheet" - feel free to use the hints if you get stuck on any of the clues. When you "cross off" the numbers, try to color in the whole box as solidly as you can.

By the time you have made it through all of the clues, the crossed off numbers will help you crack the magic spell that you will invoke to save Adas from itself!

2	0	8	9	7	4	9	5	3
0	2	2	2	7	4	7	9	8
9	2	5	0	0	4	7	1	7
3	5	0	4	9	4	1	9	2
7	2	3	5	2	8	7	6	1
6	0	1	4	5	4	0	6	9
0	2	6	8	8	4	3	5	0
7	1	3	1	9	1	2	3	0
7	3	6	6	5	9	6	2	9

(Hints to the clues are on the back of this page. Don't turn it over unless you are stuck!)

Stuck on a clue? Here's a hint...

HINT 1:

You will be crossing off the same number eight times. Some of these eight boxes are physically connected to other boxes, while some of the boxes are standalone. That number corresponds to the number of Sukkot species that make up the “arba minim” (lulav, etrog, willow and myrtle).

HINT 2:

You will be crossing off four numbers from the same column, whose boxes are connected vertically on the board. That number is the English year that corresponds to the Hebrew year 5660 (for reference, April 2021 will correspond to the Hebrew year 5781).

HINT 3:

You will be crossing off two sets of three consecutive numbers, for a total of six boxes. The first set is the number of candles that Hillel - who starts with one candle on the first night, then adds a second candle on the second night, etc. - lights on nights 1, 2 and 3. The second set is the number of candles that Shammai - who starts with eight candles on the first night, then reduces to seven candles on the second night, etc. - lights in nights 1, 2 and 3. The number set is not the SUM (aka - not the TOTAL number of candles each would have you light), but rather the number of candles for night one, followed by the number of candles for night two, followed by the number of candles for night three for each sage.

HINT 4:

You will be crossing off eight numbers from the same column, whose boxes are connected vertically on the board. That number is the secular date for erev Purim 2021.