

פורים

ONE POINT from

לקוטי שיחות חלק טז, שיחה א לפורים

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

* פורים * מרדכי * מגילה * אסתר *

In the Gemara:

After the story of _____ happened, מרדכי and אסתר asked the סנהדרין of that time to make it into a יום טוב that we would celebrate every year.

In addition to the celebration, אסתר herself asked specifically that the story of also be read aloud every year, and that it should be written as a _____, and included as part of תנ"ך.

Question:

Why did אסתר ask that the מגילה should be read and written, while מרדכי only asked that the days of פורים be celebrated?

Answer:

Both _____ and _____ helped bring about the miracle of פורים.

Yet, their roles were different.

מרדכי was mainly involved in the **spiritual** efforts, with the Jewish people, awakening them to do תשובה, bringing them together for fasting, etc.

אסתר was mainly involved with the practical, **physical**, "natural" efforts, going to אחשורוש without permission, preparing the special feasts for אחשורוש and המן, etc.

Since מרדכי was mainly involved in the **spiritual** side of the story, he wanted פורים to be a day of celebration, through which we would **remember** the miracle, in our **minds**.

(The hands-on מצוות of פורים remind us of the story, they don't convey the miracle itself).

Since אסתר was involved in the **physical** part of the story, she wanted that we should not only celebrate as a reminder of the miracle, but that the story of the miracle itself should **said** with our mouth and that the miracle be **written** as a **tangible** מגילה.

Further discussion:

- Why is אסתר's request in תלמוד בבלי, and מרדכי's request in תלמוד ירושלמי (שיחה in אות יא see)