

הַלְכָה of the Week

~ תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ ~
The Traveller's Prayer

תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ is recited when travelling.

This prayer includes a request for Hashem's protection from any dangers or misfortunes during the trip, as well as a request to arrive safely at the destination. Sometimes additional פְּסוּקִים about Hashem's protection are added.

תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ and the additional פְּסוּקִים are printed in the סִידוּר.

תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ should be recited shortly after leaving the edge of the city or populated area.

If possible, one should stop his vehicle (or stop walking) when reciting תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ.

תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ is only recited once each day, even if one rested for several hours during his trip. If the trip spans a few days one should recite תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ each day.

פְּרָקִי אָבוֹת of the Week

פְּרָק ד

כ"ו רבֵּי יוֹסֵי בַר יְהוּדָה אִישׁ כָּפַר הַבְּבֵלִי אוֹמֵר, תְּלוּמֵד מִן הַקְּטָנִים לָמָּה הוּא דוֹמָה, לְאוֹכֵל עֲנָבִים קְהוֹת וְשׁוֹתָה יַיִן מִגְּתוֹ. וְהַלּוּמֵד מִן הַזְּקֵנִים לָמָּה הוּא דוֹמָה, לְאוֹכֵל עֲנָבִים בְּשׁוֹלוֹת וְשׁוֹתָה יַיִן יָשׁוּן.

Rabbi Yose Bar Yehudah of K'far HaBavli said:

If someone learns Torah from the young, what is he like?

He is like a person who eats grapes that are not ripe, and drinks wine that is not yet ready; but, if someone learns Torah from older people, what is *he* like? He is like a person who eats ripe grapes and drinks aged wine.
