



מִסְכַּת אָבוֹת פֶּרֶק ד מְשֻׁנָּה א: "אֵיזְהוּ גְבוּר?"

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אֵיזְהוּ גְבוּר? אָבוֹת אַחַת עֶשְׂרֵי ד' עֲשֻׂרִים א

בֵּן זוּמָא אוֹמֵר:

אֵיזְהוּ גְבוּר?

הַכּוֹבֵשׁ

אֶת יְצָרוֹ,

שְׁנֵאָמֵר:

"טוֹב אֶרְךְ אַפִּים מִגְבוּר
וּמִשֵּׁל בְּרוּחוֹ מִלְכָּד עִיר"
(מִשְׁלֵי טז, לב)

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The Mishna:

הַמְשֵׁנָה:

Avot 4:1

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בֵּן זוּמָא אוֹמֵר:
אֵיזְהוּ גְבוּר?...
הַכּוֹבֵשׁ אֶת יְצָרוֹ,
שְׁנֵאָמֵר: "טוֹב אֶרְךְ אַפִּים מִגְבוּר
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(מִשְׁלֵי טז, לב)...

• Write your answers to the following questions:

❖ **Complete:** The Mishna defines a mighty person as

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❖ What characteristic is required of a person who "takes a city" [from the enemy during war]?

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❖ What characteristic is required from a person who subdues his [evil] inclination?

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❖ According to the Mishna, what is more difficult – to subdue one's [evil] inclination or to take a city?

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❖ Draw a comic – a person displaying physical heroism (such as taking a city) and spiritual heroism (such as subduing ones [evil] inclination).

A large rectangular frame for drawing a comic. At the top left, there is a white cloud-like shape connected to a blue trapezoidal shape with a halftone dot pattern. At the bottom right, there is a yellow lightning bolt shape.