



Talmud Tales – Session 12 – In Honor of George Floyd

BT Taanit 24a

Rav visited a certain town.

He decreed a fast, but no rain fell.

A member of the congregation also tried to bring rain.

He said, “He Who causes the wind to blow” – and the wind blew.

He said, “He Who causes the rain to fall” – and the rain fell.

Rav said to him: “What do you do?”

He said to him, “I teach children. I teach the poor as I teach the rich,

And if anyone cannot afford to pay,

I teach him free of charge.

And for any child who will not learn –

I have a pond with fish.

I win the student over with a fish:

I call to him, and appeal to him, until he learns to read.”