

# MY MI YODEA MOMENT

## Anticipatory Set

Display 6 cartoons, each showing a girl with a dissatisfied thought bubble about her circumstances. Let students react naturally — they'll recognize themselves or their friends.

## Lesson

One of the most dramatic exchanges in the Megillah takes place between Mordechai Hatzaddik and Esther Hamalka, when Esther voices her concern about going to speak to Achashveirosh on behalf of the Yidden, explaining that she may not approach his throne room without permission, and she hasn't been summoned to him in thirty days.

Mordechai's response is powerful and poignant:

כִּי אִם הַחֵרֶשׁ תִּחְרָשִׁי בְּעֵת הַזֹּאת רַחֵם הַשָּׁמַיִם לְיְהוּדִים מְקוּמָם אֲחֵר וְאֵת וּבֵית אֲבִיךָ תִּסְבְּדוּ וּמִי יוֹדֵעַ אִם לָעַת כְּזֹאת הִנְעַת לְמַלְכוּת

He tells her that the Yidden will find salvation from another source and that she and her ancestors will "be lost" - and who knows if it is for this very moment that she was crowned as queen?

## Discuss

What was Esther's "unique circumstance," and how was she viewing it?

How did Mordechai reframe it?

What would have happened if she stayed focused on the difficulty instead of the potential?

## Connecting the Dots

Return to the opening cartoons.

Each of these girls is so focused on what feels hard or unfair that she can't see what Mordechai saw in Esther. Mordechai looked past the fear, past the difficulty, and saw something bigger: that Hashem had placed Esther in that exact position — with that exact life — to save all of Klal Yisrael. Hashem didn't place you in your life by accident either. Your family, your strengths, your challenges, even the things that feel like they hold you back — those are the exact ingredients of your Mi Yodea Moment.

Introduce the concept: My Mi Yodea Moment — the moment you take exactly where Hashem placed you and use it to do something only you could do.

## Activity

Hand out a blank girl cartoon with two thought bubbles:

Bubble 1 — My unique circumstance: birth order, personality, family background, a challenge, a talent, a role I hold

Bubble 2 — My Mi Yodea Moment: something specific I can do — at home, in school, in my community — that only I am positioned to do

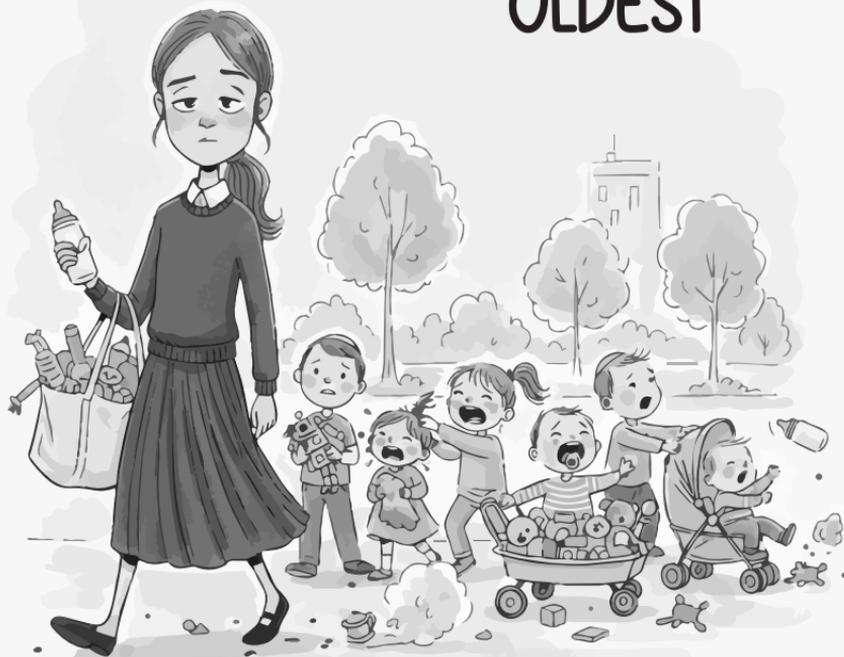
This is personal. It doesn't need to be shared.

## Closing

Esther could have stayed silent — she had every reason to. But she looked at her life, her position, even her fear, and said: maybe this is exactly why I'm here. That's what we're each called to do. Not in the palace of Shushan, but in your classroom, your home, your friend group. Your Mi Yodea Moment is waiting.

Optional: Go around and invite anyone who'd like to share one word describing her unique circumstance.

# THE OLDEST



SEE, IF I WASN'T THE OLDEST, I WOULD  
HAVE MORE PATIENCE, AND BETTER  
MIDDOS, AND MORE TIME TO WORK  
ON MYSELF, AND A QUIET SPACE TO  
HEAR MYSELF THINK AND MY OWN  
BEDROOM!



# THE YOUNGEST





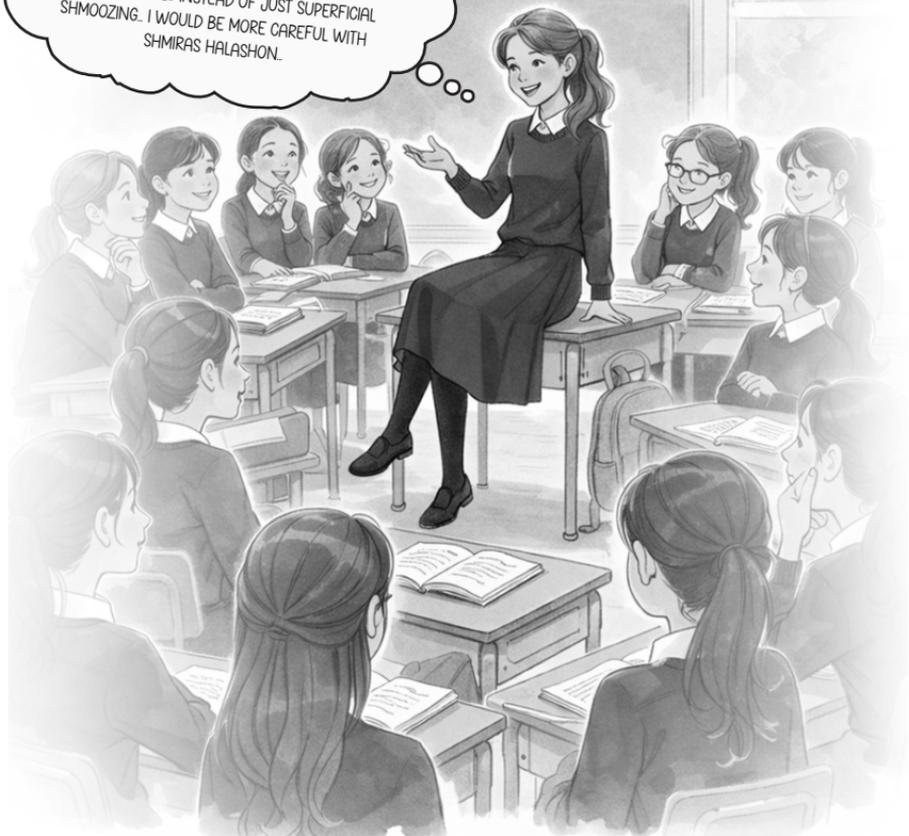
SEE, IF I WASN'T THE YOUNGEST, I WOULDN'T BE GETTING ALL THESE OPINIONS ON WHERE I SHOULD BE AND WHAT I SHOULD BE DOING AND NOSY QUESTIONS ABOUT MY LIFE AND HAND-ME-DOWNS TO WEAR. ALSO, I WOULDN'T BE SO STRESSED OUT ABOUT MY OLDER SISTER'S SHIDDUCHIM AND MY NEPHEW'S STITCHES.



# THE LIFE OF THE PARTY



SEE, MAYBE IF I WASNT ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY SO MANY PEOPLE, ALL THE TIME, I WOULD CARE LESS ABOUT WHAT EVERYONE THINKS OF ME. I WOULD DEVELOP WARMER, CLOSER CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER GIRLS INSTEAD OF JUST SUPERFICIAL SHMOOZING. I WOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WITH SHMIRAS HALASHON.



# THE JUST-ONE-BEST-FRIEND-ER





SEE, IF I HAD MORE THAN JUST ONE BEST FRIEND, I WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE NICE AND DO CHESSED AND BE FRIENDLY. I WOULD BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE AROUND OTHER GIRLS AND LESS AFRAID TO REACH OUT.

# THE TOP BUNK



IF I WASNT STUCK UP HERE, I'D HAVE A MUCH BETTER  
SUMMER. I WOULDN'T ALWAYS FEEL SO OUT OF  
EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON. MAYBE I'D FEEL MORE  
INCLUDED. LIKE I'M REALLY IN IT. NOT JUST WATCHING  
FROM UP HERE. MAYBE I WOULD EVEN REACH OUT AND  
INCLUDE SOMEONE ELSE.



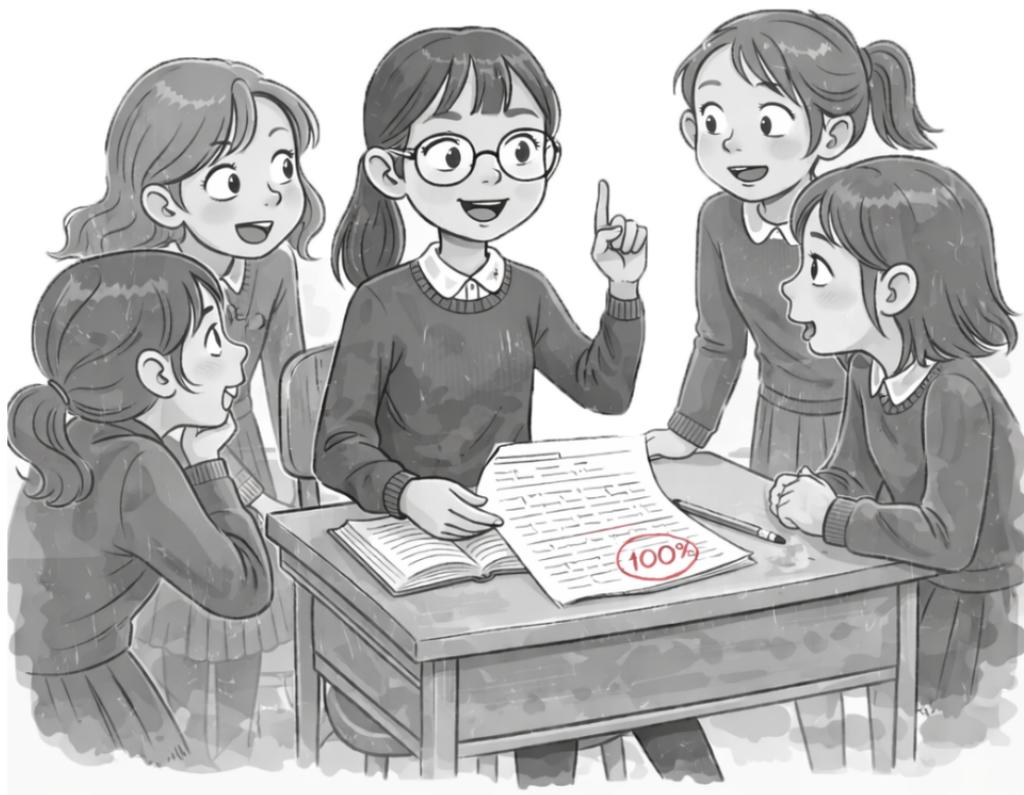
# THE CITY GIRL





SEE, IF I WERE MORE OF AN OUT OF TOWNER, I WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE IN SUCH A RUSH. I'D PROBABLY BE CALMER, SOFTER, LESS SHARP WITH MY WORDS. MAYBE I'D SLOW DOWN ENOUGH TO REALLY LISTEN INSTEAD OF ALWAYS MOVING ON TO THE NEXT THING. I'D LEARN HOW TO PAUSE, AND LET OTHER PEOPLE TAKE THE LEAD SOMETIMES.

# THE BRAIN





SEE, IF I WASN'T SO SMART, I WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE I ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE THE ANSWERS. I WOULDN'T PANIC OVER LOSING ONE POINT OR FEEL RESPONSIBLE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE. MAYBE I'D BE MORE RELAXED, LESS COMPETITIVE, MORE PATIENT WHEN OTHERS DON'T GET IT RIGHT AWAY. I'D PROBABLY FOCUS MORE ON BEING KIND THAN BEING RIGHT, AND MAYBE I'D LEARN HOW TO STRUGGLE A LITTLE TOO.

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# THE RICH GIRL



SEE, IF WE WERENT RICH, I WOULD BE MORE HUMBLE  
AND LESS ATTACHED TO THINGS. I'D PROBABLY BE MORE  
UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER PEOPLE'S CHALLENGES, LESS  
QUICK TO ASSUME, MORE CAREFUL WITH MY WORDS.  
MAYBE I WOULD WORK HARDER FOR WHAT I HAVE,  
APPRECIATE IT MORE, AND BUILD MY SELF-WORTH ON  
MY CHOICES AND MY MIDDOS. NOT MY CIRCUMSTANCES





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