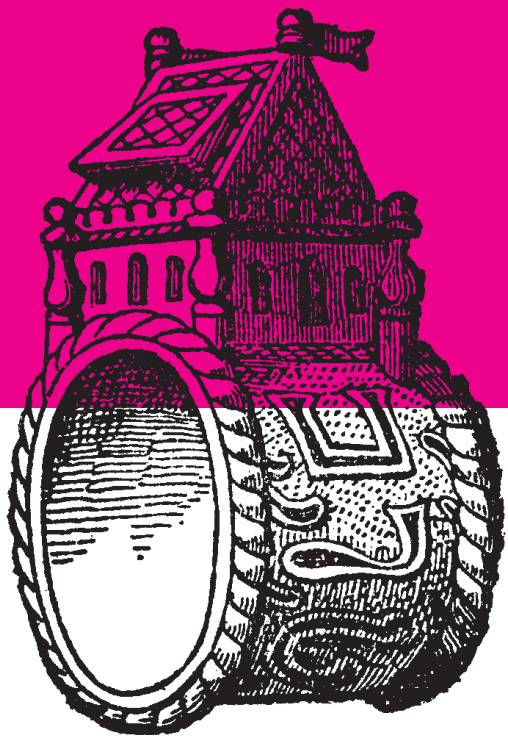


IT SAYS WHAT?!



Talmud Bavil - Chullin 7a

מאי בהמתן של צדיקים דרבי פנחס בן יאיר
הוה קאזיל לפדיון שבוין פגע ביה בגינאי נהרא.

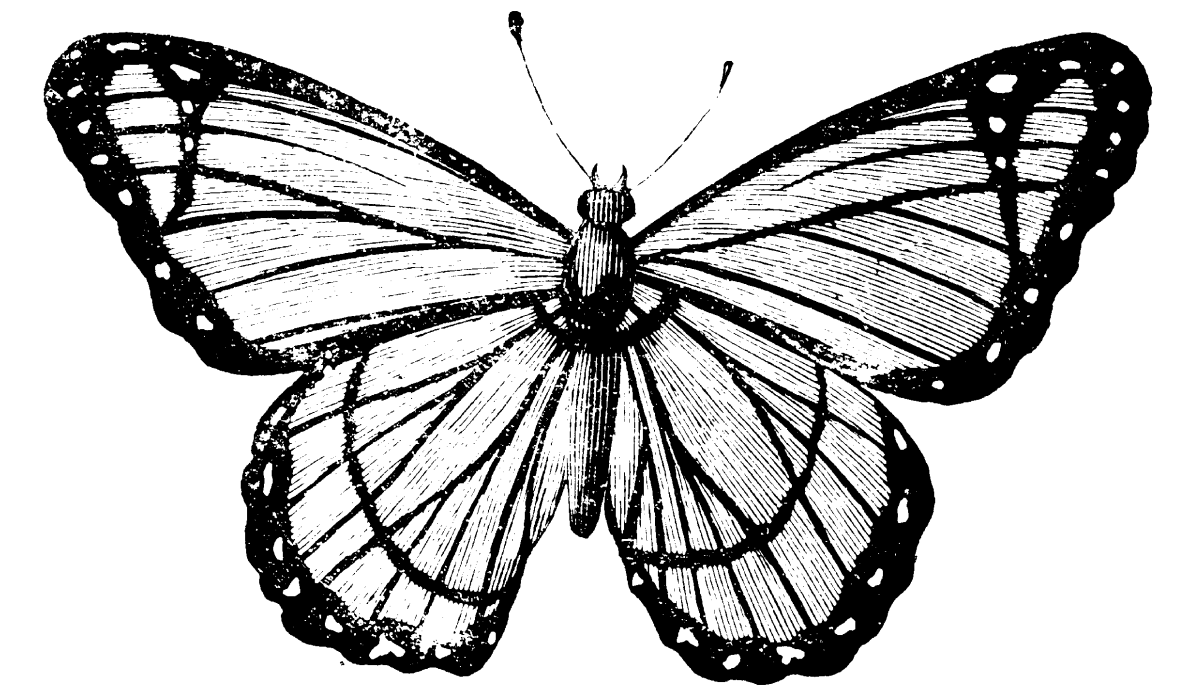
It is based on the incident where Rabbi Pinehas ben Ya'ir was going to engage in the redemption of captives, and he encountered the Ginai River.



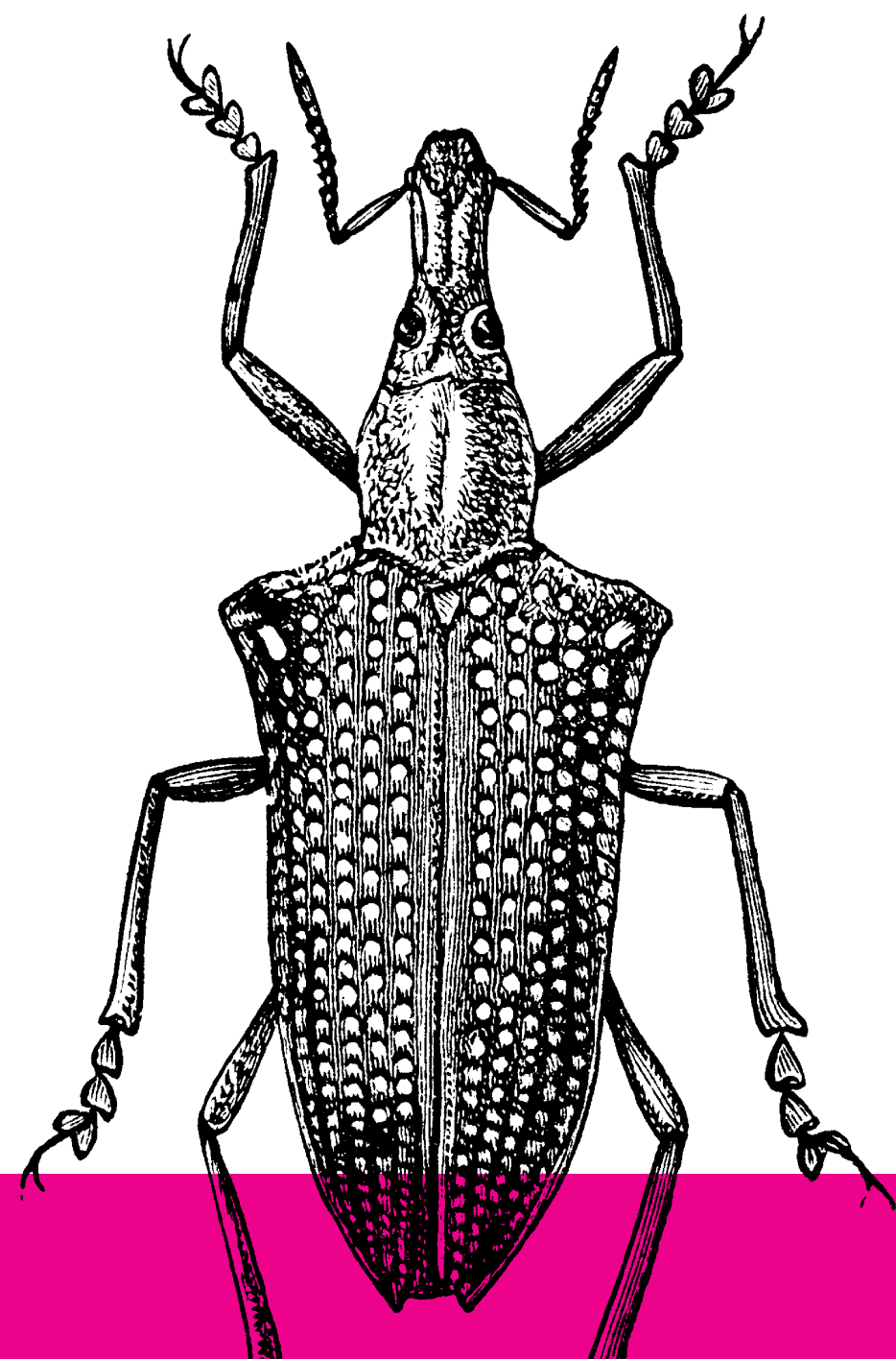
אמר ליה גינאי חלוק לי מימך ואעבור בך אמר ליה אתה הולך לעשות רצון קונך ואני הולך
לעשות רצון קוני אתה ספק עושה ספק אי אתה עושה אני ודאי עושה אמר ליה אם אי אתה
חולק גוזרני עליך שלא יעברו בך מים לעולם חלק ליה

He said to the river: Ginai, part your water for me and I will pass through you. The river said to him: You are going to perform the will of your Maker and I am going to perform the will of my Maker, to flow in my path. With regard to you, it is uncertain whether you will perform His will successfully, and it is uncertain whether you will not perform His will successfully. I will certainly perform His will successfully. Rabbi Pinehas ben Ya'ir said to the river: If you do not part, I will decree upon you that water will never flow through you. The river parted for him.

הוה ההוא גברא דהוה דארי חיטי לפיסחא אמר ליה חלוק ליה נמי להאי דבמצוה
עסיק חלק ליה הוה ההוא טייעא דלווה בהדייהו אמר ליה חלוק ליה נמי להאי
דלא לימא כך עושים לבני לוייה חלק ליה



There was a certain man who was carrying wheat for the preparation of matza for Passover. Rabbi Pinehas ben Ya'ir said to the river: Part your waters for that person too, as he is engaged in the performance of a mitzva. The river parted for him. There was a certain Arab [taya'a] who was accompanying them. Rabbi Pinehas ben Ya'ir said to the river: Part your waters for that person too, so that he will not say: Is that what one does to a person who accompanies him? The river parted for him.



אמר רב יוסף כמה נפיש גברא ממשה ושתין רבוון דאילו
התם חד זימנא והכא תלתא זימנין ודלמא הכא נמי חדא זימ-
נא אלא כמשה ושתין רבוון

Rav Yosef said: How great is this man, Rabbi Pine as ben Ya'ir, greater than Moses and the six hundred thousand who left Egypt, as there, at the Red Sea, the waters parted one time, and here the waters parted three times. The Gemara asks: And perhaps here too, the waters parted one time, and the river began to flow again only after all three of them passed. Rather, this man was as great as Moses and the six hundred thousand children of Israel.