



Today's Daf In Review is being sent l'zecher nishmas Habachur Yechezkel Shraga A"H ben R' Avrohom Yehuda

### Brachos Daf Nun Tes

#### V'AHL HAZIVAOS

- **R' Katina** said, “zivaos” are earthquakes. **R' Katina** walked by the house of a person who did kishuf with bones (ba'al ov) and asked whether this man knew the cause of an earthquake. The man answered that it is caused by 2 tears of Hashem (when he sees the pain of His children in galus) that fall into the ocean and cause the earth to shake. **R' Katina** himself said the cause is Hashem clapping His hands together. **R' Nassan** said it is caused by Hashem's sigh. The **Rabanan** say it is caused by Hashem kicking the sky. **R' Acha bar Yaakov** said it is caused by Hashem pushing down towards Earth with His “feet”.

#### V'AHL HA'RIMAMIM

- Thunder is caused by: **Shmuel** – clouds bumping into one another; **Rabanan** – clouds pouring water into one another; **R' Acha bar Yaakov** – lightning that goes into a cloud and breaks up pieces of ice into rain (the Gemara says that this reason makes the most sense, because lightning is usually followed by thunder and then rain); **R' Ashi** – wind blowing through empty clouds.

#### V'AHL HARUCHOS

- **Abaye** said this refers to strong winds like hurricanes and tornadoes. **Abaye** said these never begin at night and never last more than 2 hours without a break in the middle.

#### V'AHL HABRAKIM OMER...

- **Rava** said that “brakim” is lightning.
  - **Rava** said, regarding a single lightning, a white lightning, a yellow lightning, clouds that start in the west and go to the south, and 2 clouds that go into each other's face, if any of these occur at night, it is a bad sign and one should daven for rachamim.
  - **R' Shmuel bar R' Yitzchak** said, morning clouds are worthless.
    - **Q:** **R' Pappa** asked **Abaye**, it is known that morning rain brings abundant produce? **A:** If there were thick clouds it is good, but if they were thin, it's not good.
  - **R' Alexandri in the name of R' Yehoshua ben Levi** said: thunder was created to “straighten the crookedness of the heart”; when one sees a rainbow it is like seeing the Shechina and one should bow. In Eretz Yisrael they said that is not proper because it looks like the person is bowing to the rainbow. But, a bracha should be made (zocher habris, v'neeman bivriso...).

#### AHL HEHARIM V'AHL HAGVA'OS...

- **Abaye** says both lists in the Mishna (the list that the Mishna says gets a “shekocho ugvuraso malei olam” and the list that the Mishna says gets an “osei maaseh b'reishis”) actually get both brachos. **Rava** says, the first list gets both brachos, whereas the second list only gets oseh maaseh b'reishis.
- **R' Yehoshua ben Levi** as explained by **Abaye** said, if after a whole night of rain, followed by a northern wind that blows away the clouds, one sees a perfectly clear sky, he should make an oseh maaseh b'reishis.
- A Braisa says, when one sees the sun the way it was at Creation (every 28 years), or the moon at its starting point of the month, or stars (planets) or constellations in their order, he makes a maaseh b'reishis.

#### R' YEHUDA OMER HA'ROAH HAYAM...

- **Rami bar Abba in the name of R' Yitzchak** said, one makes these brachos if he sees the landmark after having not seen it for at least 30 days.
  - He also said, one makes an Oseh Ma'aseh Bereishis on the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers only when he sees a place where the flow has not been changed by man
  - The "Chidekel" (Tigris) is so called because its waters are "chadin" (sharp) and "kal" (light). The "Perus" (Euphrates) is so called because its waters are "parin v'rabin" (fruitful and multiply).
  - **Rava** said, the people of Mechuga are sharp because they drink from the Tigris. They are very red because they have tashmish during the day Their eyes move about because they live in dark houses.

AHL HAGESHAMIM...

- **Q:** We learned elsewhere that a longer, different bracha is made on rain?! **A:** When one *sees* rain he makes the longer bracha, but when one *hears* about rain, he makes Hatov V'Hameitiv.
  - **Q:** Hearing about rain is like hearing any good news, so why would the Mishna say it separately since it also says that one makes this bracha for hearing good news?! **A1:** Both are when one sees the rain. When it rains a lot, he makes Hatov V'Hameitiv, but when it rains a little he makes the other bracha. **A2:** Both brachos are only said when a lot of rain comes. If he owns land he makes a Hatov V'Hameitiv. If he doesn't, he makes the other bracha.
    - If one has land and owns it by himself, he would make a Shehechiyanu when it rains. If he owns it with a partner, he would make a Hatov V'Hameitiv (which is only made when you and another benefit, e.g. when one has a boy, his wife is happy too; when one inherits, his brothers inherit too; when one makes the bracha on wine, it is only when someone else is drinking with him as well).