



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

### Brachos Daf Samach Aleph

- **R' Huna in the name of Rav in the name of R' Meir** said, a person should always keep his words short in front of Hashem (he should not complain because all is for the best – Maharsha).
- **Q:** The pasuk says "Vayitzer Hashem Elokim Es Ha'adam" – the word "vayitzer" is spelled with two "yuds" – why, what does this symbolize? **A: R' Nachman bar R' Chisda** said, that a person is born with 2 yetzers – a yetzer tov and a yetzer harah. **R' Shimon ben Pazi** said, the double-edged sword that a person faces every day – the yetzer harah gives him ta'avah for aveiros and Hashem will punish him if he follows those ta'avos. **R' Yirmiyah ben Elazar** said, it refers to Hashem having created Adam with two forms – a male form on one side and a female form on the other.
- The pasuk says, "Vayiven Hashem Elokim es Hatzelah". **Rav and Shmuel** argue – one says Hashem created 2 forms, and the other says Hashem created Adam with a tail that He later made into Chava.
  - **Q:** The pasuk of "Achur Vakedem Tzartani" makes sense if He created 2 forms, but if it was just a tail, what does this pasuk mean? **A: R' Ami** explains this pasuk to mean that man was "achur" – last to be created, and "kedem" – first to be punished at the time of the mabul.
  - **Q:** The pasuk of "Vayitzer" with 2 yuds makes sense if He created 2 forms, but if it was just a tail, why the 2 yuds? **A:** We can answer like **R' Shimon ben Pazi** said, above.
  - **Q:** The pasuk of "Zachar U'nikeivah Bar'am" – makes sense if He created 2 forms, but if it was just a tail, what does this mean? **A: R' Avahu** explains that Hashem had a "thought" to create them separately, but then created just Adam and had Chava come from Adam so that man and woman should be one, inseparable entity, not 2 unique entities.
  - **Q:** The pasuk of "Vayisgor Basar Tachtana" makes sense if there were 2 forms, because new "basar" had to be put to replace half of Adam, but if it was just a tail, what does this mean? **A: R' Yirmiya** said, new "basar" was needed to cover the place of the incision where the tail was removed.
  - The pasuk says "Vayiven Hashem Elokim es hatzela" – if it was a tail, that's why it had to be built – "vayiven". If it was already 2 forms, **R' Shimon ben Mensaya** explains that "vayiven" means Hashem braided Chava's hair to make her desirable to Adam. **R' Chisda** says, "vayiven" means that Hashem "built" Chava like a storehouse (narrow on top and wider on the bottom) so that her body could carry a child during pregnancy.
  - The pasuk says "Vayivi'eha el ha'Adam". **R' Yirmiya ben Elazar** says this teaches that Hashem acted as the arranger and guarantor for the wedding. This teaches that one should get involved with such arrangements.
- **Q:** According to the view that Hashem created 2 forms, which form walked in front? **A: R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** says that Adam walked in front, because a Braisa teaches that one is not supposed to walk behind a woman.
  - A Braisa says, a person who gives money to a woman slowly so that he can look at her, will suffer in Gehinnom, even if he is otherwise full of Torah and ma'asim tovim.
  - **R' Nachman** says, Manoach (Shimshon's father) was an ahm ha'aretz, because the pasuk tells us "vayelech Manoach acharei ishto"
  - **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** says, there are similar pesukim by Elkana and Elisha, and we understand those to mean that they followed the *advice* of a woman (not that they literally walked behind a woman. By Manoach we can explain the pasuk like this as well.
  - **R' Ashi** says this concept can be seen from Rivka as well, because it says she followed Eliezer, not the other way around.

- **R' Yochanan** says, go behind a lion rather than a woman, behind a woman rather than an avodah zarah, behind avodah zarah rather than a behind a shul while the tzibur is davening.
  - Walking behind a shul is not a problem if you are carrying something, if there is another door, if you are riding an animal, or wearing tefillin (these show you are not shunning the tefilla).
- **Rav** says, the Yetzer Harah is like a fly that sits on the wall separating the entrances to the heart. **Shmuel** says the Yetzer Harah is like a piece of wheat.
  - A Braisa says, a person has 2 kidneys: the right side advises to do good, and the left side advises to do bad.
  - A Braisa says, the kidneys advise, the heart decides, the tongue forms the words, the mouth completes them, the esophagus takes in and out all food, the windpipe makes the voice, the lungs absorb liquids, the liver gets angry, the gallbladder calms it down, the spleen laughs, the "kurkivan" grinds the food, the stomach brings on sleep, the nose wakes a person up. If the stomach and nose functions are messed up, a person will die.
- A Braisa says, **R' Yose Haglili** said, Tzadikim have the Yetzer Tov rule, reshaim have the Yetzer Harah rule, "beinanim" have both rule. **Rava** said, we are all "beinanim".
- **Rava** says, Olam Habah was created for the complete tzadikim and Olam Hazeh for the complete resha'im.

#### V'AHAVTA ES HASHEM ELOKECHA

- A Braisa says, **R' Eliezer** said, the pasuk needs to say "uv'chol nafshecha" and "uv'chol me'odecha" to address the people who value their lives more than their money and those who value their money more than their lives. **R' Akiva** says ""B'chol nafshecha" teaches that one must love Hashem even if He is taking your life.
- A Braisa says, when the Roman Empire decreed that one may not learn Torah, **Papus ben Yehuda** found **R' Akiva** teaching Torah. He asked him why he risks his life to learn when he can save his life by refraining. **R' Akiva** answered with the mashal of the fox telling the fish to leave the water and save itself from the fishermen's nets. The fish said, fool! Out of water I have no chance to live, here I have a chance. **R' Akiva** said, a Jew without Torah is like a fish without water. Ultimately **R' Akiva** was jailed. **Papus ben Yehuda** was jailed as well for some other crime and said, lucky is **R' Akiva** that was jailed for learning Torah. **R' Akiva** was killed while saying Shema, explaining that he now had the chance of "b'chol nafshecha". His neshama left while he said "Echad" and a bas kol said **R' Akiva** is mezuman for Olam Habah.

#### LO YAKEL ADAM ES ROSHO K'NEGED SHA'AR HAMIZRACH...

- **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, this is only from Tzofin and closer, and only if you can see the Beis Hamikdash. **R' Yochanan** added that it is also only if there is no wall between the person and the Beis Hamikdash, and only during the time that the Beis Hamikdash has the Shechina resting on it.
- A Braisa says, one should not go to the bathroom facing his front or his back towards the Beis Hamikdash. There are multiple shitas, whether this applies forever, only b'zman Hamikdash, even in chutz la'arets, only in Eretz Yisroel, or only when directly opposite the Beis Hamikdash.