



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

Pesachim Daf Kuf Yud

- A Braisa says, one who drinks in pairs has his blood on his own head.
 - **R' Yehuda** said, this is only if he did not go outside between cups. If he did, there is no problem.
 - **R' Ashi** said, I saw **R' Chananya bar Bibi** go outside after each cup that he drank.
 - It is only dangerous if one is travelling after drinking the pairs, but if he is staying home, there is no problem.
 - **R' Zeira** said, going to sleep is like travelling (and is dangerous to do after drinking pairs). **R' Pappa** said, going to the bathroom is like travelling, regarding this issue.
 - **Q:** We find that **Rava**, **Abaye**, and **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** were all careful not to drink pairs even when staying home!? **A:** A prominent person needs to worry about this even if he is staying home.
- **Ulla** says, "pairs" are only dangerous up to the number 10 (i.e. 2, 4, 6, and 8).
 - This fits well with what **Ulla** said elsewhere, that the **Rabanan** instituted the drinking of 10 cups of wine for a mourner. If drinking 10 cups were a problem, they would never have instituted it.
 - **R' Chisda** and **Rabbah bar R' Huna** say that even 8 is not problematic, but six is. This is based on the word "Shalom" being the 7th word of the last pasuk of birchas Kohanim. Therefore, the 7th cup does not combine with the 8th to cause harm.
 - **Rabbah** and **R' Yosef** say that even six is not problematic, but 4 is. This is based on the word "Vichunekah" being the 5th word of the second pasuk of birchas Kohanim. Therefore, the 5th cup does not combine with the 6th to cause harm.
 - **Abaye** and **Rava** say that even 4 is not problematic. This is based on the word "V'yishmirecha" being the 3rd word of the first pasuk of birchas Kohanim. Therefore, the 3rd cup does not combine with the 2nd to cause harm.
 - This fits well with the way **Rava** would often send off the **Rabanan** after having given them 4 cups to drink.
 - Even though **Rava bar Leivai** was harmed after having been sent off in this way, **Rava** said the reason he was harmed was because he embarrassed **Rava** by publicly asking questions on his lectures.
 - **R' Yosef** said, Yosef the Sheid told me, Ashmedai, the king of all sheidim, is the one who has the power to harm one who has eaten or drank in pairs. However, it is below someone of his stature to go and harm, and therefore there is no reason to worry about pairs. **Others say** that as king, he can do as he pleases and one must surely worry about pairs.
 - **R' Pappa** said, Yosef the Sheid told me, if one drinks 2 cups we (the sheidim) are able to kill him. If one drinks 4 cups, we may harm him, but not kill him. If one drinks 2 cups, we can kill him whether he was a shogeg or a meizid. If one drinks 4 cups, we may harm him only if he drank the pairs b'meizid.
 - If one forgot and drank pairs, what can he do? He should take his right thumb in his left hand and visa-versa, and say "You and I are 3". If he hears a voice then say "You and I are 4", he should say "You and I are 5". Every time he hears a voice answer with an even number, he should respond with the next odd number. There was once a story where this back and forth went until 101, at which time the sheid burst.

- **Ameimar** said, the head lady of the witches told me, if someone comes across a witch, he should say, “Hot waste in ripped baskets in your mouth, witches. Your hair should be ripped and your bread crumbs should fly away (they used these items for their spells). Your spices should be scattered and the wind should blow away the fresh saffron from your hands. As long as we didn’t cross paths I knew I was in Hashem’s good graces. Now that I have crossed paths with you, it seems that I am not”.
- In Eretz Yisrael they did not worry about pairs. **R’ Dimi of Neharda’ah** was even careful not to make an even number of markings on a barrel. In fact, a barrel once burst when someone made an even number of markings.
 - The Gemara says, the general rule is, if someone worries about it, the sheidim go after him if he does pairs. If one does not worry about it, the sheidim don’t come after him. Still, one should be somewhat concerned with it.
- **R’ Dimi** said, a Halacha L’Moshe M’Sinai teaches that the pairs that are dangerous are 2 eggs, 2 nuts, 2 cucumbers, and 2 of “something else”. Because we are unsure what the “something else” is, the **Rabanan** were goizer on all pairs.
 - When we said earlier that “pairs” is not a problem once you reach 10, or 8, or 6, or 4 (depending on the shitah), that is only true with regard to being harmed by sheidim. However, there is still a concern for being subject to “kishuf” (“magic”) if one does pairs.
 - There was a story with a man whose ex-wife would try to do kishuf on him all the time, but it was never effective on him. Once, he was not careful and drank an even number of cups of wine (over 16 cups), and the kishuf was finally effective on him.
- **R’ Avira** said, cooked dishes and bread are not subject to “pairs”. The general rule is, any food that is man-made is not subject to pairs.
 - Drinking in a store is not subject to “pairs”. Drinking and then deciding to have another drink (which ends in an even number) is not subject to pairs. A guest is not subject to pairs. A woman is not subject to pairs unless she is a woman of prominence.
- **R’ Chinina the son of R’ Yehoshua** said, “ispargus” only combines to make an odd number, not to make an even one.
- **Ravina in the name of Rava** said, if one is unsure whether he drank an even number, he should drink another cup. **Others say** he should not drink another cup.
- **R’ Yosef** said, if one drank 2 cups of wine and then one of beer, the beer does not combine and he is subject to pairs. If one drank 2 cups of beer and then one of wine, it does combine and there is no problem of pairs (because the wine is chashuv).
- **R’ Nachman in the name of Rav** said, if one drinks 2 cups of wine before sitting at the table and one when he sits down at the table to eat, it combines and there is no concern for pairs. If one drinks one before sitting down and 2 after sitting down, it does not combine and there is a problem of “pairs”.
 - **R’ Mesharshiya** said, we are only concerned about the person himself, and this person has drank 3 cups. Therefore, there is no concern in this second case either.
- **R’ Yehuda in the name of Shmuel** said, all mixed drinks combine with each other for “pairs” purposes. **R’ Yochanan** said, even water is considered to be a mixed drink and combines.
 - **R’ Pappa** said, the machlokes is only when hot water is mixed in cold water, or cold water is mixed in hot water. However, if hot is mixed with hot, or cold is mixed with cold, all agree that is not considered to be a mixed drink.