



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

Taanis Daf Gimmel

R' YEHUDA OMER MISHUM R' YEHOSHUA HA'OVER LIFNEI HATEIVA...

- **Q:** Which **R' Yehoshua** is it who holds this way? The **R' Yehoshua** in the Mishna says that we begin mentioning rain on the last day (which would mean even at shachris). **R' Yehoshua** of the Braisa says that we begin on the 7th day of Succos (the last day of the mitzvah of lulav). It can't be either of them!? **Q2:** A Braisa says that **R' Yehuda in the name of Ben Beseira** says that on Shmini Atzeres we don't mention rain by shachris but we do by mussaf. Which "Ben Beseira" is that? It can't be **R' Yehuda ben Beseirah**, because he says we begin on the second day of Succos!? **A:** **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** said, the answer to both of these questions is **R' Yehoshua ben Beseira**. Before he got semicha he was referred to as **Ben Beseira**, and after he got semicha he was referred to as **R' Yehoshua**.
- A Braisa says, the **Rabanan** did not obligate the mention of dew and wind (as they did for rain).
 - **R' Chanina** explained, this was so, because dew and wind are never withheld by Hashem, because the world can't exist without them.
 - **Q:** Where do we see that dew is never withheld? **A:** The pasuk says that Eliyahu promised Achav that (as a punishment) there would be no rain or dew. Later, after a number of years, Hashem told Eliyahu to tell Achav that Hashem will bring rain. It doesn't say that Hashem will return the dew as well. This is because the dew was never taken away, since the world can't exist without dew.
 - **Q:** If this is true, why did Eliyahu say that it would be taken away? **A:** He meant that there would not be "dew of blessing", and that actually was taken away at that time as well.
 - **Q:** Why didn't he tell Achav that the dew of blessing would be returned? **A:** The difference between dew of blessing and not of blessing is not noticeable, so he didn't mention it.
 - **Q:** Where do we see that wind is never withheld? **A:** **R' Yehoshua ben Levi** said, the pasuk says that Hashem will spread out the Yidden "like" the 4 corners of the world. The pasuk seemingly should have said "in" the 4 corners of the world. By saying "like", the pasuk is teaching that just like the world can't exist without wind, it similarly cannot exist without Yidden.
 - **R' Chanina** said, based on the above, if during the summer one said "mashiv haruach", he need not begin shmoneh esrei again, but if one says "morid hageshem" he must. If during the winter one did not say "mashiv haruach", he need not begin shmoneh esrei again, but if one does not say "morid hageshem" he must. Not only that, but if one says "He removes the wind and makes the dew fly away", he need not begin shmoneh esrei again.
 - A Braisa says, the **Rabanan** did not require mentioning of clouds or wind, but if one wants to mention it, he may.
 - The reason for this is, because these are never withheld.
 - **Q:** **R' Yosef** taught a Braisa that said that the pasuk of "v'atzar es hashamayim" means that Hashem will withhold clouds and wind!? **A:** Clouds that come before the rain are never withheld, whereas clouds that come after the rain are

withheld. Also, regular winds are never withheld, but very strong winds are withheld.

- **Q:** Very strong winds are needed for winnowing, so why didn't the **Rabanan** insist that we make mention of it!? **A:** The separation of the grain can be done with a sifter, so it is not absolutely necessary.
- A Braisa says, clouds and wind are almost as good as rain.
 - **Ulla** explained, this refers to clouds and wind that come after the rain.
 - **Q:** We find that **Ulla** said wind after rain is a bad thing!? **A:** It is good when it comes calmly, and doesn't raise the dust after the rain.
 - **R' Yehuda** said, wind after rain is as good as the rain. Clouds after rain is also as good as the rain. Sunshine after rain is as good as two rainfalls.
 - This excludes moonlight and a partly cloudy day, which are not good after the rain.
 - **Rava** said, we see from a pasuk that snow on the mountain is as good as 5 rainfalls to the ground.
 - **Rava** also said, snow is good for the mountains, heavy rain is good for the trees, regular rain is good for produce, and a light rain is even good for the seed in the earth.
 - **Rava** also said, a young member of the **Rabanan** is like a seed in the earth – once he begins to sprout, he continues to grow.
 - **Rava** also said, when a young member of the **Rabanan** gets heated (angry), it is the Torah that is heating him up, as the pasuk compares the words of Torah to fire.
 - Based on the next part of that pasuk, **R' Ashi** said, any talmid chachom who is not strong like iron, is not a talmid chachom. **R' Abba** learns this same concept from a different pasuk.
 - **Ravina** said, even so, a person must train himself to act calmly, as the pasuk instructs us to remove anger from our hearts.