



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

Nedarim Daf Nun

- **R' Akiva** was mekadesh the daughter of Kalba Savuah, who became so angry at the marriage that he made a neder prohibiting his daughter to benefit from his vast wealth. The couple got married in the winter and would sleep in the straw storage place, because they had no money. **R' Akiva** would take the straw out of his wife's hair and say "If I had the money, I would buy you a golden crown with a picture of Yerushalayim carved into it". Eliyahu came, appearing as a man, and begged for some straw for his wife who had just given birth. **R' Akiva** told his wife, we at least have straw, while others obviously do not. She then told him to go and learn in Yeshiva. He learned by **R' Eliezer and R' Yehoshua** for 12 years. He then returned home and before entering heard a wicked person telling his wife that her father was right for the neder he made, since her husband (**R' Akiva**) was not an equal to her, and has left her as a living widow for the last 12 years! She responded, if my husband would listen to me, I would tell him to stay for another 12 years! Hearing that, **R' Akiva** returned to the Yeshiva for another 12 years. When he went home after these 24 years, he had 24,000 talmidim, and the entire town went out to greet this Gadol Hador. When his wife tried to push to see him, the talmidim tried to push her away (not knowing who she was). **R' Akiva** told them, "Let her come, for my Torah and your Torah is truly hers" (it is only because of her). At that time Kalba Savuah went to him and asked him to be matir neder, thereby allowing him to give half of his wealth to **R' Akiva**.
 - **R' Akiva** became wealthy from 6 places:
 - From Kalba Savuah.
 - From a figurine filled with gold that people would keep on a travelling ship, which he found (and was then told that he may keep it).
 - He once gave money to sailors and told them to bring him back something from their travels. They found nothing to get him other than a box they found at shore. They gave it to him. When he opened it, he found it was full of gold coins. This chest was actually from a ship of businessmen that had sunk.
 - From an aristocratic woman, who lent money to **R' Akiva** and made Hashem and the sea the guarantors. When the time to pay came, the sea brought her a box full of gold and precious stones (that the king's daughter had thrown into the sea). She took the amount she was owed and gave the rest to **R' Akiva**.
 - From the wife of Turnusrupus, who eventually converted and married **R' Akiva**, bringing him much wealth.
 - From Ketia bar Shalum, a Roman officer who was killed for helping the Jews, and when he was being executed he gave all his money to **R' Akiva** and the **Chachomim**.
 - **R' Gamda** once gave money to sailors, telling them to buy something for him. They found nothing to buy, and therefore bought a monkey. The monkey escaped and ran down a hole. They dug after the monkey and found it to be sitting on a pile of pearls, which they then brought to **R' Gamda**.
- The daughter of the Caesar said to **R' Yehoshua ben Chananya**, how can the beautiful Torah be in such an ugly keili (saying that **R' Yehoshua** was not good looking)? He answered her, by asking what they royal family stored their wine in. She said they used earthenware keilim. He said, people like you should use gold and silver keilim! She had the wine put in such keilim and the wine spoiled. He told her, Torah is the same – it must be kept in simpler keilim. She asked, there are talmidei chachomim who are good looking!? He answered, had they been less good looking, they would have been even greater in Torah.

- A woman once described **Shmuel** to **R' Yehuda** as being short, fat, dark, with big teeth. **R' Yehuda** put her in cheirem and she died.

UMUTAR B'BEITZAH TURMITA

- **Q:** What is this turmita egg? **A: Shmuel** said, it is an egg (very difficult to prepare) that is put 1,000 times in hot water, then 1,000 times in cold water, and it shrinks to the point that it can be swallowed whole. If a person with a health issue swallows it, it can be examined by a doctor when it exits the person and the doctor will be able to tell what method of healing this person needs. **Shmuel** said, any servant that knows how to prepare this is worth 1,000 dinars.
 - The Gemara says, a person was once hired the slave of another person to teach him 1,000 different dishes of cooked figs. The person only taught him 800, so the one who paid the money took the person to a Din Torah to **Rebbi**. **Rebbi** (who himself was an extremely wealthy man) was amazed at the level of luxury being displayed.
 - When **Rebbi** made a wedding for his son **R' Shimon**, he did not invite **Bar Kappara**. When **Bar Kappara** commented that he was slighted, **Rebbi** invited him, and **Bar Kappara** was then happy.
 - Any day that **Rebbi** laughed, bad things happened to the world. He therefore said to **Bar Kappara**, I will pay you 40 measures of wheat if you don't make me laugh. **Bar Kappara** went to collect this wheat, but did so wearing a basket upside down on his head. **Rebbi** laughed and therefore told him that he did not owe him anything, since he made him laugh.