



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

Sotah Daf Chuf Beis

- We have learned, if someone learns Mikra and Mishna, but not Gemara: **R' Elazar** says he is an ahm haaretz; **R' Shmuel bar Nachmeini** says he is a "bur" (which is worse than an ahm haaretz); **R' Yanai** says he is a Kuti (whose wine and bread are assur for a Yid); **R' Acha bar Yaakov** says he is like one who practices kishuf.
 - **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** said, **R' Acha bar Yaakov's** opinion makes the most sense, because people say that one who does kishuf says incantations and has no idea what he is saying. The same is true for one who doesn't learn Gemara – he says the Mishnayos and does not know what he is saying.
 - A Braisa says, who is an ahm haaretz? **R' Meir** says, anyone who does not say Shema in the morning and at night with the brachos. The **Chachomim** say, anyone who does not put on tefillin. **Ben Azzai** says, anyone who does not wear tzitzis. **R' Yonason ben Yosef** says, anyone who has children and doesn't raise them to learn Torah. **Others** say, even if someone learns Mikra and Mishna, but does not learn Gemara, he is an ahm haaretz. If he only learns Mikra, he is a bur. If he doesn't even learn Mikra, a pausk compares him to an animal.
 - Shlomo Hamelech tells his son not to mix with the "shonim". **R' Yitzchak** said, this refers to people who learn Mishna but do not learn Gemara.
 - A Braisa says, people who learn Mishna are from the destroyers of the world.
 - **Q:** How can it be thought that they destroy the world? **A: Ravina** said, because they pasken based on the Mishnayos without the benefit of having learned Gemara. **R' Yehoshua** explains like this in a Braisa as well.

ISHA PERUSHA...

- A Braisa says, a girl who is always davening, a widow who is very friendly (the girl and the widow use this as a front for other aveiros or for doing witchcraft), and a minor whose months are not complete are from the destroyers of the world.
 - **Q:** We have learned that **R' Yochanan** said that we learn to fear sin from a girl who is always davening, and from a very friendly widow we learn how much effort one should put into a mitzvah and the reward that it will bring!? **R' Yochanan** was referring to a specific case of a girl that he overheard davening to Hashem that other men should not be tempted to sin because of her beauty, and a widow who would walk to a further Beis Kneses to daven so that she would get the extra reward for the extra effort. Why does the Braisa say that these people are from the destroyers of the world? **A:** The Braisa is referring to women like Yochani bas Retivi, who used witchcraft and spells to get people to think that she was pious and had the power to daven and be heard and immediately answered by Hashem.
 - **Q:** What is meant in the Braisa by a minor whose months are not complete? **A:** In Bavel they said it refers to a talmid chochom who does not respect his rabbe'im. **R' Abba** said, it refers to a talmid who paskens even though he has not reached the level of being able to pasken.
 - **Q:** How long must a person wait until he is mature enough to pasken? **A:** Until he is 40 years old.
 - **Q:** We find that **Rabbah** paskened, and he only lived until 40!? **A:** If a person is equal in Torah to the other posek of the locale, he may pasken even before reaching 40.

UMAKOS PERUSHIN...

- A Braisa says, there are 7 types of people who insincerely abstain from things: a parush shichmi (he acts like Shechem, who circumcised himself for ulterior motives), a parush nakafi (someone who walks with tiny steps, always stubbing his toes into the ground in a display of false humility), a parush kizai (**R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** explains this as someone who bangs into walls and bleeds because he walks with his eyes closed, in a showing of false piety), a parush meduchya (**Rabbah bar Shila** explains this is someone who walks with his head bent in false humility), a parush of "what is my obligation and I will do it" (he says tell me anything that I am obligated to do and have not already done, suggesting that he has done all that he is obligated to do), a parush of love (for reward) and a parush of fear (of punishment).
 - **Abaye and Rava** said to the Tanna of the Braisa, do not list the parush of love and of fear, because **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** has taught that a person should even learn Torah and do mitzvos not for their own sake, because it will eventually lead him to do so for the sake of Hashem.
- **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** said, hidden thoughts may be hidden from people, but all is revealed to the Heavenly Court, and it will punish the people who wear tzitzis in an insincere display of piety.
- King Yannai told his wife, there is no need to fear the perushin (they will not take revenge, because they are truly righteous), and no need to fear those who are not perushin (they were his friends). You only must fear the people who act like perushin, but are truly not righteous. They are people who act like Zimri and want reward like Pinchas.