



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

Sotah Daf Mem Tes

UPASKU ANSHEI AMANAH

- **R' Yitzchak** said, this refers to people who put their faith in Hashem, as is taught in a Braisa that **R' Eliezer Hagadol** said, if a person has enough to eat tomorrow and worries about what he will eat, he is considered to be a person of little faith. He further darshened a pasuk to mean that tzaddikim who don't have full faith in Hashem to fill their needs lose from their reward in Olam Habbah. **Rava** darshened this same pasuk to mean that when children of resha'im die in the lifetime of their parents they save their parents from punishment in the next world.
- **R' Ila'ah bar Yeverechya** said:
 - If not for the tefillos of Dovid, all of Klal Yisrael would have been very poor.
 - If not for the tefillos of Chabakuk, talmidei chachomim would have been so poor as to require two of them to share one cloak.
 - If two talmidei chachomim travel and don't discuss Torah they are fit to be burned by fire. We learn this from the pasuk that says that Eliyahu and Elisha had a fiery chariot pass between them. It only passed between them because they were discussing Torah. If they would not have been doing so, they would have been burned.
 - If two talmidei chachomim live in one city and they don't learn or discuss matters of halacha together, one will die and the other will be sent into galus.
- **R' Yehuda the son of R' Chiya** said, any talmid chachom who learns Torah in poverty will have his tefillos answered. **R' Avahu** said, such a person will be satiated by the Shechina. **R' Acha bar Chanina** said, the "curtain" that separates us from Hashem will not be closed in front of such a person.

R' SHIMON BEN GAMLIEL OMER MISHUM R' YEHOSHUA...

- **Rava** said, each successive day has a curse worse than the previous day.
 - **Q:** How then does the world continue to exist? **A:** It exists upon the people who says "Kadosh Kadosh Kadosh Hashem...", and on the "Yihei Shimei Rabah" that is said after learning agadita.

V'LO YARAD TAL L'VRACHA...

- A Braisa says that **R' Shimon ben Elazar** says, when people stopped eating with tahara the fruits lost their taste and fragrance, and when they stopped giving maaser the grains lost their "fat".
 - **R' Huna** once found a high quality date and put it in a cloth. When his son **Rabbah** came he said to his father "I smell this high quality date!". **R' Huna** was happy and said this shows that you have a special level of tahara, and he gave the date to him. In the meantime, **Rabbah's** son, **Abba**, came and **Rabbah** gave the date to him. **R' Huna** said, you made me happy by seeing that you are at a high level of tahara, but unhappy when I see that you love your son more than you love me.

MISHNA

- When Aspasyanus came with his army against Yerushalayim, the **Chachomim** were goizer a ban on the crowns of the grooms and on the "irus". When the army of Titus came, the **Chachomim** were goizer to ban the crowns of the brides and were goizer against anyone teaching Greek to their children. When the last army came, they were goizer that a bride should not go out in the "apiryon" (a chuppah) in the city, but the later **Rabanan** allowed it.
- When **R' Meir** died there ceased to be people who could make meshalim. When **Ben Azzai** died there ceased to be those who learn with great "hasmada". When **Ben Zoma** died there ceased to be people who could darshen at a high level. When **R' Akiva** died there ceased to exist kavod

for the Torah (he would darshen every letter and crown to every letter to show that nothing was extra). When **R' Chanina ben Dosa** died there ceased to be people of deeds (who were confident with their deeds and could perform miracles). When **R' Yose Katonta** died there ceased to be chassidim, which is why he was called "Katonta", because he was the smallest of the chassidim. When **R' Yochanan ben Zakai** died there ceased to exist that special level of wisdom. When **R' Gamliel HaZaken** died there ceased to exist kavod for the Torah (people began to learn while sitting instead of standing), and tahara and prishus (not indulging in pleasures) died along with him. When **R' Yishmael ben Pavi** died the splendor of Kehuna ceased to exist. When **Rebbi** died there ceased to exist humility and fear of sin.

GEMARA

- A Braisa says, **R' Pinchas ben Yair** said, when the Beis Hamikdash was destroyed, the chavereim (talmidei chachomim) and those of pure lineage have been ashamed and have covered their heads, people of deeds have lost any status, strong people and liars have become dominant, and there is no one who looks and searches to help the Yidden. Who can we rely on? Only on our Father in Heaven!
- **R' Eliezer HaGadol** said, from the time of the Churban, the **Chachomim** became like teachers of young children, the teachers of children became like the shamas of the shul, the shamasim became like amei haaretz, and the amei haaretz became even less in their wisdom and their mitzvos, to the point that there is no one who looks and searches to help the Yidden. Who can we rely on? Only on our Father in Heaven!
- In the period before Moshiach comes, there will be an increase in chutzpah, costs will increase, although grapes will grow the cost of wine will increase, the government will become heretics and there will be no rebuke, the place where the chachomim would meet will become a place of zenus, the Galil will be destroyed and the Gavlan will be desolate, the people in the border cities will wander about (because of frequent attacks) but they will not be helped, the wisdom of the talmidei chachomim will wither away, the people who fear sin will be looked at as disgusting, truth will be gone, the young people will shame the older people, the older people will stand for the younger people, a son will make his father disgusting, a daughter will rise up against her mother and a daughter in law against her mother in law, a man's enemies will be the people of his household, the face of the generation will be like the face of a dog (without any shame), and son will not be ashamed in front of his father. Who can we rely on? Only on our Father in Heaven!
- **Rav** said, when the Mishna says that they banned the crowns of chassanim the Mishna was referring to crowns made of salt and sulfur. However, ones made of hadassim and roses are still mutar. **Shmuel** said, even of hadassim and roses are assur, but if made of reeds or "cheilas" (a water vegetation) it is mutar. **Levi** said, that even those would be assur.

V' AHL HA'IRUS

- **R' Elazar** explained, this is a bell with one clapper which was used to play music. **Rabbah bar R' Huna** made a "tanbura" instrument for his son's wedding. His father came and broke it, because he said the instrument could easily be confused with the "irus" which the **Rabanan** were goizer to be assur.

B'PULMUS SHEL TITUS GAZRU...

- **Q:** What is meant by the "crowns of the bride"? **A: Rabbah bar Chana in the name of R' Yochanan** said, it refers to a tiara on which was formed a depiction of Yerushalayim, made of gold. A Braisa says this as well and adds that a hat of fine wool may still be made for her.
- A Braisa says that they were also goizer to ban the chuppah of chassanim. The Gemara explains, this is a covering of red wool with strands of gold. A Braisa says this as well and adds that we may make a chuppah of reeds from which we may hang whatever we want.

V'SHELO YILAMED ES BENO YEVANIS

- A Braisa explains that when the Chashmenai kings were fighting each other, those inside Yerushalayim would send out money every day to those besieging on the outside, and in return they would send a basket over the wall with animals to use for the Korbon Tamid. There was one elderly man inside who used Greek wisdom to tell the people on the outside that if they

stopped sending animals for the Korbon Tamid they would be able to conquer those on the inside. The next day the people on the outside sent up a pig in the basket. Halfway up the wall the pig dug its nails into the wall, preventing it from going up any further, and all of Eretz Yisrael shook. It was at that time that the **Rabanan** were goizer that one may not teach Greek wisdom to his children.

- **Q:** We are taught that **Rebbi** said it is better to speak Greek than the Sursi language!? **A:** Speaking Greek is not problematic. It is Greek wisdom that is a problem.
 - **Q:** We have learned that there were 500 students of **R' Gamliel** who studied Greek wisdom!? **A:** **R' Gamliel** was close to the government, and as such found it necessary for himself and his household to be well versed in Greek wisdom. In fact, this reason is clearly taught in a Braisa as well.

B'PULMUS HA'ACHARON GAZRU SHELO...

- **Q:** Why did they ban the brides chuppah? **A:** For reasons of tznius.

MISHEMEIS R' YOCHANAN BATLAH HACHACHMA

- A Braisa says, when **R' Eliezer** died a Sefer Torah was buried (his knowledge of halachos from his teachers was so great, it was as if it was written down for him). When **R' Yehoshua** died, "eitzah" and "chachma" ceased to exist (his knowledge of drashos and halachos were at the highest level, and he would know how to answer the apikursim). When **R' Akiva** died, the supports of the Torah (he would find the origin in a pasuk for every halacha that was taught) ceased to exist and the wellsprings of wisdom were stuffed up. When **R' Elazar ben Azarya** died, the "crown of chachma" ceased to exist (he was very wealthy and would use that wealth to further his Torah and mitzvos). When **R' Chanina ben Dosa** died, there ceased to exist people of deeds. When **Abba Yose ben Katonta** died, there ceased to be chassidim. In fact, he was called "Katonta" because he was the smallest of the chassidim. When **Ben Azzai** died, there ceased to exist people with true hasmada. When **Ben Zoma** died there ceased to exist people who were expert darshanim. When **R' Shimon ben Gamliel** died, locusts swarmed over the land and tzaros became plentiful. When **Rebbi** died, the tzaros then doubled.

MISHEMEIS REBBI BATLAH ANAVAH V'YIRAS CHEIT

- **R' Yosef** told the one who was teaching the Mishna, "Do not say that "anavah" ceased to exist, because I exist (and I am extremely humble)". **R' Nachman** told the one teaching the Mishna, "Do not say that "yiras cheit" ceased to exist, because I exist (and I am a yiras cheit)".

HADRAN ALACH PEREK EGLAH ARUFA!!!

HADRAN ALACH MESECHTA SOTAH!!!

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