

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

Kiddushin Daf Ayin Aleph

- The Gemara earlier quoted **R' Yehuda in the name of Shmuel**, who said that that with regard to people of pure yichus, EY is secondary to Bavel.
 - In the days of Rebbi they wanted to treat Bavel as secondary to EY. Rebbi strongly disagreed with that and sent R' Chanina bar Chama to deal with these people. R' Chanina told them that R' Yishmael the son of R' Yose in the name of his father said, that EY is secondary to Bavel with regard to people of pure yichus.
 - In the days of R' Pinchas they wanted to treat Bavel as secondary to EY. He told his servants, I will say two things in Beis Medrash, and when I do, be ready to quickly carry me out. He went to the Beis Medrash and said "D'Oraisa a bird does not need to be shechted". As the talmidim were busy dealing with that statement, he quickly said "EY is secondary to Bavel in regard to pure yichus". He was then quickly carried out before anyone could catch up to him. The talmidim sat to discuss this on their own and looked into the matter. They realized that their investigations were going to put into question the yichus of some powerful families, and would endanger their safety by these people. They therefore decided not to continue this exercise.
 - R' Yochanan said, we have the power to determine who in EY is of less than pure yichus, however I will not do so because some of the great people of the generation are married into these families. He follows R' Yitzchak, who says that once a family of not pure yichus is mixed in with the other Yidden, we should not single out the people who are impure.
 - Abaye said we can see this from a Braisa as well. The Braisa says that families of known yichus status who were treated in a way inconsistent with their status, will have Eliyahu come to say who is of pure yichus and who is not. This suggests that if they had become mixed in with the rest of the Yidden, Eliyahu will not separate them, and they will be allowed to remain this way.
 - A Braisa says that there was another family of impure yichus and the Chachomim did not want to reveal who they were. However, once every 7 years they would reveal it to their children and talmidim. Others say it was done twice every 7 years. R' Nachman bar Yitzchak said, it makes sense that it was done only once in 7 years, because we find that revealing such things should not be done.
 - A Braisa says, the Chachomim would reveal Hashem's Name of 4 letters once every 7 years to their talmidim. Others say it was done twice every 7 years. R' Nachman bar Yitzchak said, it makes sense that it was done only once in 7 years, because we find that revealing such things should not be done. Rava wanted to reveal this Name to his talmidim, but an elder told him, we learn from the pasuk that this is supposed to remain hidden.
 - **R' Avina** said, one pasuk says "zeh shemi" and another pasuk says "zeh zichri". Hashem is saying, "I am not to be called in the way that My Name is written.
 - A Braisa says, originally the 12 letter Name of Hashem would be told to all. When people were no longer careful, it was only given over to the discreet Kohanim, who would say it as the other Kohanim were singing the four letter Name of Hashem. R' Tarfon said that he once heard the Kohen Gadol whisper this Name of Hashem while duchaning.
 - **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, that the Name of Hashem that has 42 letters is only given over to people with many, impeccable character traits, and if he keeps it secret and pure, he is rewarded in many ways.

- Shmuel in the name of an elder said, Bavel has a chazaka of pure yichus unless we know that there is an issue. Other lands have a chazaka of impure yichus until it is known that they are pure. With regard to EY, if there is a chazaka of impurity, it is impure. If there is a chazaka of purity, then it is pure.
 - Q: The statement regarding EY doesn't make sense, because it first seems that if there is no chazaka of impurity then it is pure, but then says we need a chazaka of purity to be pure!? A: R' Huna bar Tachlifa in the name of Rav said, we have the assumption of impurity before marrying into a family. However, once married, there is an assumption of purity unless we find otherwise.
- **R' Yosef** said, anyone who speaks like a person from Bavel may be given a woman of pure yichus for a wife. However, nowadays, when there are people who fake it, we have to be concerned even if someone speaks like one from Bavel.
- R' Yochanan was trying to get Ze'iri to marry his daughter, but he refused, because he was from Bavel where there was pure yichus, and R' Yochanan was from EY where yichus was less pure. R' Yochanan said, you think that Bavel is of pure yichus based on our Mishna that says the passul people went up from Bavel. However, you should know that just as there were Kohanim, Leviim, and Yisraelim that remained in Bavel, there were psulim who remained there as well. It must be that R' Yochanan forgot what R' Elazar said, that Ezra took up all the psulim with him, leaving Bavel as a place of very pure yichus.
- **Ulla** saw that **R' Yitzchak the son of R' Yehuda** was older, and had not yet married. **R' Yehuda** explained, it was because he couldn't be sure which family had pure yichus. **Ulla** told him, for all we know we are all mamzeirem, as we find in Tanach that there were times that the Yidden were mezaneh and created mamzeirem! **Ulla** told him to look for a quiet family (doesn't allow a fight to continue), as that is a sign that they are a family with good yichus.
 - o **Rav** said, quiet families in Bavel are the ones with good yichus.
 - Q: We find that Rav once went to investigate the yichus of a family. If it is as simple as seeing if they were quiet, why did he have to go and investigate? A: He went to investigate whether they were a quiet family.
- R' Yehuda in the name of Rav said, if two people are fighting, it means that one of them has a passul yichus, and from Heaven they don't want that other family to marry into them. R'
 Yehoshua ben Levi said, if two families are fighting, it means that one of them has a passul yichus, and from Heaven they don't want that other family to marry into them.
- R' Pappa the elder in the name of Rav said, Bavel is considered healthy in regard to yichus, Meishan is considered dead (all are mamzeirem), Madai is considered sick, and Eilam is considered to be a goses (almost dead).
 - Q: What is the difference between sick and a goses? A: Most sick people end up living, whereas most goses die.
- Based on the teachings that the people of Bavel are of pure yichus, the Gemara brings various shitos as to the border of Bavel for purposes of yichus. The Gemara also brings a machlokes whether these views are the same with regard to the borders of Bavel for purposes of a get or not.