



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

Bava Basra Daf Kuf Aleph

MISHNA

- If one sells a place to someone to make a burial kever, and similarly, if one accepts the job to make burial places for someone on land that he (the one who is hiring) owns, he must make the inside of each cave 4x6 amos, and must open up 8 burial places into the walls of that cave – 3 on each side and 2 on the wall opposite the entrance to the cave. The length of the burial places must be 4 amos, their height must be 7 tefachim, and their width must be 6 tefachim. **R' Shimon** says, the cave must be made 6x8 amos, and there must be 13 burial places opened up into the walls of the cave – 4 on each side, 3 on the wall opposite the entrance to the cave, one on the right of the entrance, and one on the left of the entrance.
- He must also make a chatzer of 6x6 amos at the entrance to the cave, which is enough space for the bier and those needed to bury to niftar. He must make 2 caves for the chatzer – one on each end of the chatzer. **R' Shimon** says there must be 4 caves for the chatzer – one on each side of the chatzer.
- **R' Shimon ben Gamliel** says it all depends on the strength of the rock that this is being dug into (stronger rock needs less separation between caves and between burial spaces, whereas softer rock or soil needs more space).

GEMARA

- **Q:** Where are the 2 burial places that **R' Shimon** refers to when he says they are placed to the right and left of the entrance? It can't mean that they are dug into the wall where the entrance is found, which would mean they are dug underneath the chatzer, because then people would walk on them!?! Moreover, a Mishna says that one who stands in the chatzer of a burial place is tahor! **A: R' Yose the son of R' Chanina** said, he places them like bolts (vertically) into the floor on either side of the entrance (which is why someone standing in the chatzer would not become tamei).
 - **Q:** We have learned that **R' Yochanan** said that vertical burial is the burial of donkeys (it is an embarrassing manner of burial)!? **A:** According to **R' Yochanan** we would say that the additional two burial places are done in the corners of the wall opposite the entrance.
 - **Q:** These spaces will be touching the burial places that are right near them!? **A: R' Ashi** said, he makes these 2 lower down on the wall than the others, so they don't touch them. In fact, we must say that not all burial places were at the same height, because if not, according to **R' Shimon**, when he makes 4 caves in one chatzer, some of the burial places will overlap and touch those of the neighboring cave!? Rather, it must be that the burial places of the different caves were dug at different heights.
 - **R' Huna the son of R' Yehoshua** said, this is no proof, because it may be that **R' Shimon** holds that the burial places in the caves that are near the places in the next cave are dug on an angle, in a way that they will never cross or touch.
 - The Gemara says that **R' Huna** is mistaken, because even if done on an angle, there is not enough space to fit all the burial places required by **R' Shimon** in the amount of space that is given.
 - **A2:** We can also say that the reason why the corner burial places won't touch the others (even if they are at the same height as the others) is because these 2 places were made very small, for babies.