



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

Avodah Zarah Daf Yud Beis

MAHU LEILEICH L'SHAM

- A Braisa says, if a city is observing a religious holiday, **R' Meir** says it is assur for a Yid to enter that city or to even pass through it to go to another city. The **Chachomim** say, if the road he uses only goes to that city, it is assur. If the road leads to other places as well, it is mutar. If a Yid gets a thorn in his foot in front of an avoda zara, he may not bend down there and remove it, because it looks like he is bowing down to the avoda zara. However, if it does not look like he is bowing down to the avoda zara, he may do so there. If a Yid's coins scattered on the ground in front of an avoda zara, he may not bend down there and gather them, because it looks like he is bowing down to the avoda zara. However, if it does not look like he is bowing down to the avoda zara, he may do so there. If there is a spring of water in front of an avoda zara, a Yid may not bend down there to take a drink, because it looks like he is bowing down to the avoda zara. However, if it does not look like he is bowing down to the avoda zara, he may do so there. If there is a fountain shaped like a person that shoots out water from its mouth, a Yid may not put his mouth on its mouth to take a drink, because it looks like he is kissing an avoda zara. Similarly, a person may not put his mouth on a water pipe to take a drink, because it is a sakana.
 - **Q:** What does the Braisa mean that "if it does not look like he is bowing down" it is mutar? It can't mean that there is noone there to see him bend down there, because **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, whenever the **Rabanan** said that something is assur because of "maris ayin" it is even assur to do in private!? **A:** Rather, it means that if he is able to bend in a way that it does not look like he is bowing down to the avoda zara (e.g. he turns his back or his side to the avoda zara), it is mutar.
 - The Braisa had to give all these 4 cases. If it only gave the case of the thorn, we would think that there it is assur, because it is simple to have him walk a little further away, but in the case of the scattered money, where he can't simply do it somewhere else (the money is there), we would say it is mutar. If we would only say the case of the money, we would say it is assur because it is only a monetary need, but in the case of the thorn, where the person is in physical pain, we would say that it is mutar. If we only had these two cases, we would say that those cases are assur because there is no danger to the person, but when he needs a drink of water, if we don't let him drink it can be dangerous, so we would say that it is mutar. The last case of the fountain is only stated as an introduction to the statement that it is assur to drink directly from a water pipe. The reason this is assur is due to the danger that he may swallow a leech.
 - A Braisa says, a person may not drink from rivers or ponds directly to his mouth or by cupping the water in only one hand. If he does this, "his blood is on his head" because of the danger that he may swallow a leech.
 - The Braisa supports **R' Chanina**, who says that if someone swallows a water leech it is mutar to heat up water for him even on Shabbos. It once happened that someone swallowed a leech on Shabbos and **R' Nechemya** allowed them to heat up water for the person. While it was being heated, **R' Huna the son of R' Yehoshua** told the people to give this person vinegar to swallow.
 - **R' Idi bar Avin** said, a person who swallows a bee will certainly die, but he should be given a reviis of strong vinegar to drink, so that he will at least live long enough to give final instructions to his household.
 - A Braisa says, a person should never drink water at night because of the danger of "shavriri".

- If he is thirsty, he should tell someone else “I am thirsty”, and then he may drink. If there is no one else, he should say a certain lachash and may then drink.