

מסכת יבמות דף סא

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Inside the Daf



כהנים have special rules about whom they may or may not marry. For example, a כהן may not marry a divorced woman.

A regular כהן may marry a widow, but a גדול כהן may not. What if a regular כהן is married to a widow and is then appointed to the position of גדול כהן? Does he have to divorce his wife?

The משנה talks about a similar case. A כהן performed איירוסין (the first stage of marriage, see pg. 3) with a widow. He was then appointed as גדול כהן. May he perform נשואין now with the widow, even though he is a גדול כהן?

The משנה rules that he may perform נשואין with the widow. A story is told about יהושע בן גמלא, a כהן, who performed איירוסין with a widow, מרתא, the daughter of בניתוס. King נבא made יהושע a גדול כהן even though he was married to a widow.

The גמרא explains that even though the king made him a כהן גדול, the Jewish leaders at the time did not approve of his position. רב אסי explains that יהושע בן גמלא was appointed to that post because מרתא paid the king three קב of gold (about 9 lbs or 4 גדול כהן) to do so!



Did You Know...

שמואל says that even though a man has many children, he must still have a wife. As the Torah says, "It is not good for a man to be alone" (בראשית 2,18).

WORD OF THE DAY:

אינן

"THEY ARE NOT"

Being-Fruitful-and-Multiplying

After the first man was created, Hashem gave him an order to "be fruitful and multiply" (see בראשית א, כח, Gen. 1,28). This means we are supposed to have children. But how many children is one supposed to have?



(Moses) fathered two sons, גרשם (Gershom) and אֶלְעָזָר (Eliezer).

בית הלל say a man must have at least one boy and one girl. They explain that when Hashem created the world,

The משנה quotes a dispute between בית שמי and בית הלל.

בית שמי say a man must father at least two boys. That's because we see that משנה

He made a male and a female. So too, one must father at least one son and one daughter.

A Moment

Jonah's mother was very disappointed. Her son had just gotten suspended from school for turning the lights in the classroom on and off from the main switchboard and disrupting all of the classes.

"All the cool kids misbehave in class and I just want to fit in and for them to like me," said Jonah.

"It is important to have approval from people who matter. We are told יהושע בן גמלא did not have the approval of the Sages of his time to become כהן גדול. He only had the approval of the wicked king. Don't look for the wrong crowd to approve your behavior."

Games

WORD MORPH

Can you turn KIDS into WIFE by changing one letter at a time? Follow the clues for help.

K	I	D	S
W	I	F	E

(What you make at an auction)

(to stay)

(not narrow)

Review Questions – יבמות דף ס"א

1. Who was יהושע בן גמלא?

2. How many and what type of children must one have according to בית הלל?

3. Why must a man with children still have to have a wife?