

מסכת יבמות דרסג

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Inside the Daf

Not many people have heard of the חֲבָרִים. They were a group of Persians who had no respect for the Jewish people.

When רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן heard that the חֲבָרִים were coming to Babylonia, he was concerned. When they came they made three decrees, or rules, for the Jews.

The first decree was that Jews were not allowed to eat kosher meat. רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן explained that this decree came measure for measure. The Jewish community was not giving its כֹּהֲנִים the gifts of meat that were owed to them.

The חֲבָרִים also ruled that the Jews could not use the bathhouses. רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן explained that this, too, was measure for measure as the Jews were not using the מִקְוֹאוֹת (ritual baths) properly.

Finally, רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן was told that the חֲבָרִים were exhuming (unburying) the dead. The גְּמָרָא explains that the dead are exhumed when the living have sinned. In this case, רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן explained that the Babylonian Jews were celebrating on the חֲבָרִים's holidays. Hashem therefore gave them a time to mourn.



Difficult Wives

In our lives, most of us will have to deal with someone who isn't so nice. Imagine how difficult that would be if that person is your wife!

רב had a wife who would aggravate him on purpose. When he would ask her to cook lentils, she would cook peas. When he asked her to cook peas, she would cook lentils!



חזי' also had a difficult wife who caused him much suffering. Even so, when חזי' would go to the market and find something his wife would enjoy, he would buy it for her and wrap it up nicely.

"But doesn't she make you suffer?" asked his father.

רב's son, חזי', had an idea. He would tell his mother the *opposite* of what רב really wanted.

"It is enough for me that she raises my children and saves us from sinning."

A Moment

"There's someone in my class who is *so annoying!*" said Chizkiya. "He bugs me all day and I don't know what to do about him!"

"Why not learn from the example of רבבי חזי'?" said his father. "He had a wife who caused him much suffering. Instead of complaining about her, רבבי חזי' was thankful that she raised his children and saved him from sin. We can learn a great lesson: When someone frustrates you, think of all the good things they do. You will be sure to develop a better opinion of them!"



Did You Know...

"Do not be bothered by troubles that have not yet come. Who knows what the future will bring? Perhaps you will not be alive tomorrow and you will have been bothered for no reason."

WORD OF THE DAY:

מִן

"FROM"

Games

WHICH ONE DOESN'T BELONG? WHY?

Read the daf and find the word that doesn't belong in each set

1. Lentils, stew, peas
2. מִקְוֵאוֹת's meat, kosher chicken, Sabbath
3. Bathhouses, kosher meat, Sabbath
4. רב, רבבי חזי', רבבי יוחנן

Review Questions – יבמות דף ס"ג

1. Describe one of the חכמים's decrees and why it came.

2. What did רבבי חזי' say about his wife?

3. Why should we not be bothered about problems that have not yet come?