

Inside the Daf

To deserve the punishment of פָרָת (early death) on כּוֹתֶבֶת הַגַּסָה (early death) on כּוֹתֶבֶת הַגַּסָה (a large date). Remember: eating *any amount of food* is not allowed on יוֹם כָּפוּר The גְמָרָא is teaching us that the punishment of ז כָּרַת is given only for eating a large date's amount of food!

How large is a large date? רָב זְבִיד says it is a little less than the size of an egg.

The גְמָרָא explains that if you have been fasting and you eat an amount of food *less* than a large date, you will still be "afflicted" by your fast.

(Our גְמָרָא also talks about other sizes of food and when they are important in Jewish law.)



Other Measurements



What:

אָבֵיצָה – An Egg's Size (about 2 fl. Oz. or 57 mL)

When:

This amount of bread (or grainbased foods) must be eaten in a סוּכָּוֹת during the holiday of סוּכָּה ate less than this amount outside a סוּכָּה.

The Pits

When we say that one must eat the amount of a large date on יוֹם כְּפוּר to receive כָּרַת (early death) do we mean the amount of a large date *with* its pit, or *without* its pit?

It was clear to רָב אַשִּׁי that one receives בָּרֵת only if one eats the amount of a large date *with* its pit. After all, it is logical to assume a "large" date means a date with its pit!

A similar question is brought by the גְּמָרָא: We know that a human bone the size of a barley kernel makes someone who touches it, אָמָרָא (impure). Does this mean the bone has to be the size of a barley kernel *with* its shell or *without* its shell?

רָב פָּפָא answered that the bone must be the size of a barley kernel *with* its shell to make one who touches it אָמֵא.

A-Mitp Moment

"There goes Mr. Malmidot," said Zevulun. "The meanest man in the neighbourhood."

"That's right," said Aryeh. "He never gives a penny to charity, never smiles or helps anybody and always yells at people for no reason. I hope he's nicer to people in the future."

"No way, Aryeh. He's so evil nothing good could ever come of him."

"I wouldn't say that if I were you," said Zevulun. "Our אָמָרָא teaches that a large date is made mostly of its pit. This means the part you can't eat is bigger than the part you can. Nevertheless, if you plant it a date palm blossoms which bears many, many more dates with sweet honey. The lesson we learn is that even an evil person who is made mostly of sin, if he works hard on himself he can bear many good deeds!"

(חתם סופר, דרשות חייא, יייג)



Did You Know...

WORD OF THE DAY:

"MORE / MUCH"

Although bread and grain-based foods must be eaten in a סּוּכָּוֹת during the סוּכָּוֹת holiday, fruits do not need to be eaten inside a סנכָּת.

Review Questions – יוֹמָא דַף ע"ט

 How much does one have to eat on יום כַּפּוֹר to receive the punishment of בָּרַת (early death)?

2. Does the measurement of a large date include its pit?

3. What type of food does not need to be eaten in a סוּכָה?

Can you fill in the missing letters from the words on this *daf*? What do the letters spell?

Games

