

Inside the Daf

When a יום טוב (Festival) falls on Friday, an ערוב תבשילין ("mixture of cooked dishes") must be made before the Festival so that one may cook on יום טוב for the Sabbath (see page 27).

Today's גמרא teaches that someone may actually prepare an ערוב תבשילין on another's behalf. The father of the Talmudic sage שמואל prepared an ערוב תבשילין for the whole

city of נהרדעא and רבי אמי and רבי אסי prepared one for the whole city of Tiberias.

In fact, the person cooking the food for the Sabbath doesn't even need to know that an ערוב תבשילין was made for him. So long as someone prepared an ערוב תבשילין for him, he may cook on יום טוב for the Sabbath. רבי יעקב בר אביי would proclaim that anyone who had not made an ערוב תבשילין before the Festival may rely on his.

Once, a blind man was learning in front of the sage שמואל. שמואל noticed the man was sad and asked him why. The blind man said he forgot to make an ערוב תבשילין. The blind man thought this meant he would not be able to cook for the Sabbath. שמואל told him that when he made his ערוב תבשילין before יום טוב, he had in mind that it should also be for everyone in his city who forgot to make one.

The next year, the blind man once again looked sad on יום טוב. שמואל asked him why he was sad and the man told him that, once again, he did not make an ערוב תבשילין. This time, שמואל told the man he may not use the ערוב תבשילין that he made for the city; forgetting to make an ערוב תבשילין twice is irresponsible.



WORD OF THE DAY:

שְׁכִיחַ

"FREQUENT"

Giving Gifts

A מְדוּת Moment

If you give a gift to someone, do you have to let the person know?
 רַבִּי חֲמַא בְּרַבִּי חֲנִינְאֵי says that one who gives a gift to his friend does not have to let his friend know. The proof is that Hashem did not tell מֹשֶׁה that He had given him the gift of a shining face. As the פְּסוּק (verse) says, "וַיִּמְשָׁה לֹא" "and יָדַע כִּי קָרַן עוֹר פָּנָיו," and Moses did not know that the skin of his face was shining" (שמות לד, כט), Ex. 34,29).



A בְּרִיתָא text seems to say the opposite. It says that one must tell his friend when he gives him a gift. The proof is that Hashem told מֹשֶׁה that He was going to give the gift of the Sabbath to the Jewish people.

The גְּמָרָא explains that if the recipient of the gift will find out anyway, the giver doesn't have to tell him he is giving him a gift. Since the Jewish people would tell מֹשֶׁה of his shining face, Hashem did not have to tell this to Moses. If, on the other hand, the gift will not become known to the receiver unless he is told about it, the giver should tell the receiver about it. In the case of the Sabbath, Hashem commanded Moses to tell the Jewish people of its reward because otherwise they would not have known about it.

Little Adi Hoffstadter simply adored Nachum. The four-year-old would follow the older boy around the synagogue like a puppy dog. He especially liked it when Nachum would give him a candy.

"You should let Adi's parents know you gave him candy," Nachum's Abba told him.

"Really?" asked Nachum.

"Yes," his father said. "Today the גְּמָרָא teaches that if we give a child some bread (or another gift) we should make a marking on the child so that his parents know he was given a treat. The parents will then know that this person likes them and this will increase love and friendship among the Jewish people."

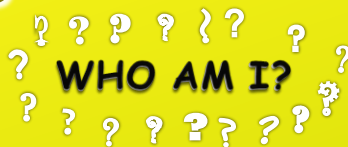
(רש"י)



Did You Know...

רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בֶּן לֵקִישׁ says that the Holy One, Blessed Be He, gives man an extra soul before the Sabbath and takes it back after the Sabbath.

Games



1. We prepared an עֲרוּב תַּבְּשִׁילִין for the whole city of Tiberias
2. I forgot to prepare an עֲרוּב תַּבְּשִׁילִין...twice!
3. I say whoever forgot twice to make an עֲרוּב תַּבְּשִׁילִין is irresponsible!
4. I did not tell Moses I gave him a shining face
5. An extra one of me is given to man before the Sabbath and taken away thereafter

Review Questions – בִּיצָה דֶּף ט"ז

1. What gift did Hashem not reveal to מֹשֶׁה (Moses)?

2. What did the blind man forget to do before the Festival?

3. What is given to man before every Sabbath?
