

מסכת  
בבלי  
בבא מציעא  
דף כח

# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Since food preparation is allowed on **מיים** (Festivals) if one wants fresh meat, he may slaughter an animal. Before the days of refrigeration, animals often were slaughtered the same day they were eaten.

May a knife be sharpened on a Festival to use to slaughter an animal? The **משנה** says no. Sharpening a knife repairs it and repairing is a forbidden activity on Festivals. Only forbidden activities done *directly* to the food (like slaughtering an animal) may be done on a Festival.

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But there are exceptions. For example, **רב הונא** allows a knife to be sharpened on a wooden sharpening board. Since wooden sharpening

allows a knife to be sharpened on a wooden sharpening board. Since wooden sharpening boards do not sharpen knives very well, the knife is not really being repaired on the wooden board. Similarly, the **משנה** permits knives to be sharpened by scraping them against each other.

**רב יוסף** says a dull knife may only be sharpened if it can still cut with difficulty. If the knife is so dull it cannot cut at all, then sharpening it would require a lot of work and working too hard is not allowed on a Festival.



### Did You Know...

When **רב הונא** would send meat to his house, he was concerned the meat might be switched with non-kosher meat. He would therefore cut the kosher meat into triangular pieces so his family would recognize that the meat was kosher. This may also be done on a Festival.

### WORDS OF THE DAY:

לא שנו אלא

"THEY TAUGHT THIS ONLY ABOUT..."

# Weigh Out



On the Sabbath and Festivals, we may not perform activities that are too "weekdayish," that is, that look too much like an activity done on a weekday.

For example, butchers sell meat by its weight. Let's say someone wants to get meat from a butcher on a Festival. The butcher may not weigh the meat using a scale with regular weights. This is too much of a weekday activity.

The Sages are so strict about using a scale on Festivals that they ruled meat may not be placed on a scale even to guard it against being eaten by mice. After all, someone might see the meat and think it was being put on the scale to be weighed.

רַב יְהוּדָה says in the name of שְׁמוּאֵל that a skilled butcher may not even weigh meat by taking the meat in one hand and a weight in the other. Since this is a normal way for an experienced butcher to weigh meat during a normal weekday, it is not allowed on Festivals.

## A מְדוּת Moment

As is the case with many kids, Simon's favorite part of the meal was dessert. That was his siblings' favorite part too. At the end of the meal when the cookies were placed in the middle of the table, Simon knew he had to "stake his claim" or forever lose his cookie forever.

Too bad tonight Simon was a little late returning to the table for dessert. His heart sank when he saw the cookie plate was empty. Then he felt the anger burning inside him. There were enough cookies for all his siblings. How dare someone take an extra cookie!

"Alright, who took my cookie?!" demanded Simon.

"I did," whispered little Miryam, who was five years younger than Simon.

Just as Simon was about to fly into a rage at his little sister, his father stopped him.

"The גַּמְרָא says seven pieces of fish were placed on the table of רַבִּי's house," Simon's father began. "רַבִּי חֲזִיָּא took five and רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בְּרַבִּי took only two. Nevertheless, רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בְּרַבִּי was not upset by this because he and רַבִּי חֲזִיָּא were friends. In five years from now, or even in five days from now, are you really going to care your little sister took an extra cookie?"

## Games

### Review Questions – בִּיצָה דֶּף כ"ח

1. According to יוֹסֵף, רַב יוֹסֵף, what sort of knife can be sharpened on a Festival?

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2. Give an example from today's גַּמְרָא of a "weekdayish" activity.

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3. How did רַב הוּנָא show that the meat he sent home was kosher?

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### WHICH ONE DOESN'T BELONG? WHY?

1. Scraping knives together, wooden-sharpening board, regular sharpening stone
2. Cutting meat in triangles, weighing meat in a scale, weighing meat by hand
3. Trapping, Slaughtering, Sharpening a knife
4. Sharp knife, Completely dull knife, Normal dull knife
5. רַב יוֹסֵף, רַב הוּנָא, שְׁמוּאֵל in the name of רַב יְהוּדָה