

Inside-the-Daf

An עובדא דחול (weekday activity) is not allowed on Festivals. This means that there are activities that must be done differently than usual on a Festival to show that we are not doing everyday business activities. But we need to be careful. When we do these activities differently, we shouldn't do it in a way that is harder than usual.

For example, in the city of רבא where the sage מהוֹזָא lived, people were told to carry heavy burdens with a pitchfork instead of over the shoulder. This would lighten the burden. Something that is usually carried with a pitchfork should be carried on a pole resting on the shoulders of two people. This would lighten the burden of the carrier.

Sometimes, it isn't possible to carry a load in a lighter way. In that case, the load should be carried differently, as long as the change doesn't make the carrying *more* difficult. For example, something that is usually carried on a pole on one's shoulders should be carried on a hand-held pole. This doesn't make the load any easier to carry, but it doesn't make it any harder, either. Similarly, a load that is usually carried on a hand-held pole should be carried with a cloth over the load. This, too, does not make the load any easier to carry but at least the load is being carried differently than it would on a regular weekday.

The גמרא concludes that if one is not able to carry a load any differently than he would during the rest of the week, he may carry it normally.



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Sinning-by-Accident

Have you ever wanted to tell someone they were doing something wrong but were afraid they wouldn't listen?

The ב' מורה says if you see someone doing an עבירה (sin) but he doesn't know he is doing anything wrong, you should not tell the person they are doing something wrong if you know they will continue to do the sin anyway. Since they will continue to do the sin anyway, it is better for them to sin without knowing they are doing anything wrong, than to sin knowing they are doing something wrong.

A מדotta Moment

The boys liked racing against each other to see who would get to the park first. They would dart down the sidewalks and finally through Mr. Armor's backyard and before they knew it, they were at the park.

But Motty knew something the other boys didn't know. Mr. Armor had caught him running through his garden a week ago and told him not to.

When he got to the park he turned to his friends.

"The ב' מורה tells us not to rebuke someone whom you know will not listen to you," Motty said. "That means, if you are sure they will listen to you, you should tell them what they are doing is wrong. Mr. Armor doesn't want us running through his garden anymore."

"I didn't know that," said Ethan. "We better make sure not to do that again!"

מוֹטֵב שִׁיחַיו "mo'tev shi'chiyu" "it is better for them to sin and not know it is wrong than to sin knowing it is wrong."

If there is a chance the person who is doing the sin will listen to you if you tell them they are doing something wrong, you must let them know that they are doing something improper.



Did You Know...

The ב' מורה says one may not use the סכך (covering) of a מושנה for firewood on a Festival because by taking the סוכה you are demolishing a roof at the same time, an activity not allowed on Festivals.

ביצה דף ל' Review Questions –

1. How were the people of קחוֹזָא told to carry heavy burdens?

2. Explain: מוֹטֵב שִׁיחַיו שׂוֹגְגִין וְאֶל יְהִי מִזְדִּין:

3. What may one not use for firewood on a Festival?



MATCH UP

א-דוחקָן – Hardest way to carry



ב-רגָלָא – Usually used for hay



ג-אֲגָרָא – Easier than one person



ד-אַכְפָּא – Can be carried by hand



ה-סִינְדרָא – Last resort: put this on top