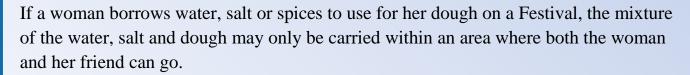


Inside the Daf

Yesterday (pg.12) we learned that if two people borrow an object, it may only be carried on the Sabbath or Festivals as far as both of them are allowed to travel (inside their מָחוֹם boundary).



The sages of the גְּמֶרָא question this. There is a rule of "בִּיטוּל" (nullification) that means if a little bit of something gets mixed into a large amount of something else, the little bit is ignored because it is not important. For example, if a little piece of non-kosher food gets mixed into a large amount of kosher food, the mixture may be eaten because the majority of the mixture is kosher.

With this in mind, why don't we say the little bit of salt, water or spices which were mixed with a larger amount of flour to make dough, are "nullified" and ignored? The dough would then be able to be carried anywhere within the borrower's תַּחוֹם since the flour was hers to begin with.

מבא answers that since salt and spices are added for taste, they do not become nullified to the dough.



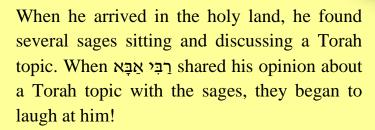
Did You Know...

Oxen which are fattened to be sold take on the תְּחוּם boundary of whomever buys them on the Festival, not the תחום of the owner. This is because before the Festival started the owner of the oxen intended them to be sold and to take on the הָּחוּם of the buyer.

Not Taken Seriously

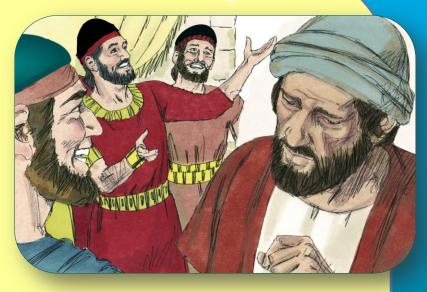
Have you ever had to move to a new community? If you have, you may have been a bit worried you wouldn't be accepted.

When רָבִּי אַבָּא was concerned about this, too. When he came from Babylon to the Land of Israel, he prayed that his thoughts and ideas would be accepted by the scholars of Israel. He didn't want to be embarrassed when discussing Torah with the scholars of Israel.



"Have I taken your clothes that you laugh at me?" asked רָבִי אַבַּא.

But the sages continued to laugh at רַבִּי אַבָּא because the Torah idea he shared was not well thought out.



-A-מְדוֹת Moment

"Why so glum, Chaim?" asked Chaim's father.

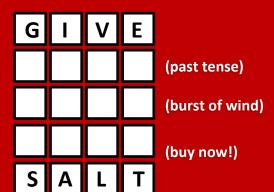
"The Torah Fair's over and I was so sure I would win first prize! Instead I didn't even make the top five."

"But if the other projects at the Fair were better, why would you want to win over them? When it comes to Torah, we should never pray that our Torah ideas should win out over someone else's. The most we can hope for is for our Torah thoughts to be considered seriously. That was the mistake אַבָּא יִבְיַ made in today's daf yomi when he prayed that his Torah thoughts should prevail over his peers. But what if his peers' thoughts were better? Then it would be improper for אַבָּא יִבְיַ's thoughts to win out. The sage should have prayed to be listened to and considered. Nothing more."

(חתם סופר)

Games Word Morph

Can you turn GIVE into SALT by changing one letter at a time? Follow the clues for help.



Review Questions – בֵּיצָה דַּף ל"ח

1. Explain: ביטול

2. What did רָבִי אֲבַא pray for when he went to the Land of Israel?

3. Give an example of something sold on a Festival that takes on the חָחוֹם of the buyer.