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יום חשי תשע"דמסכת
יבמות
דף חDAF YOMI⁴
KIDS

Inside the Daf

Even though one is not allowed to marry his brother's wife, if one's brother dies without children one is commanded to marry his dead brother's wife. This "marriage" is called **יבום**.

How much is **יבום** like marriage?

In the Torah portion of **יבום**, the living brother is commanded, "וילקחה לו לאשה ויבמה" "and he should take her to himself for a wife and perform **יבום** to her" (דברים כה, Deut. 25,5).

רבי יוסי בר חנינא explains, that "וילקחה" "and he should take her" means that the dead brother's wife becomes completely like the living brother's wife. That means, if the couple want to part ways, they require a **גט** (divorce document) just like any married couple.

רבי יוסי בר חנינא explains "ויבמה" "and he performs **יבום** with her" to mean that the man may perform **יבום** even against the woman's will. In such a case, she becomes his full wife. Like with a regular wife, the man will inherit her property if she dies before him. Likewise, if the man is a **כהן** he may become **טמא** by going to her funeral (a **כהן** may not go to the funeral of someone who is not a close relative).

WORD OF THE
DAY:**הֵיכָא**
"WHERE"**Did You
Know...**

One may not marry his wife's sister as long as his wife is living.

Mistaken Teaching

Believe it or not, teachers make mistakes, too.

The Torah teaches that if the Great **סנהדרין** (Supreme Court) made a mistake and permitted the Jewish people to do a sin, the **סנהדרין** must bring a communal offering called, "**פר העלם דבר**" "a bull for a hidden matter of the community" (see **ויקרא ד, יג-כא**, Lev. 4,13-21). When this offering is brought, each person who committed the sin that the Court allowed, does not have to bring an offering.

For the **סנהדרין** to bring this offering, they had to have permitted a sin that is punishable by **כרת** (early death) if done on purpose, and one that requires the sinner to bring a **קרבן חטאת** (sin-offering) if done by accident. An example of such a sin is permitting forbidden work to be done on the Sabbath.

Also, for this offering to be brought, the majority of the Jewish people had to have listened to the **סנהדרין** and performed the sin that it allowed.



A מְדוּת Moment

"Did you help your younger brother study for his test tomorrow?" Eric's dad asked.

"Yes," said Eric. "I wasn't sure I was always teaching him the right thing, but whatever. I tried."

"Don't underplay your responsibility to teach properly. Did you know that when the Great **סנהדרין** made a mistake and told the Jewish people that they may perform a sin, the Court would have to bring a sacrifice in atonement? That's how much responsibility they had to issue correct rulings. If you are helping someone, take extra care that you are teaching them properly. You wouldn't want them to do something wrong because you were wrong."

Games

Review Questions – יבמות דף ח'

1. If one performs **יבום** and then wants to end the relationship, what must be done?

2. What is the name of the offering of the Great **סנהדרין** brings for a mistaken ruling?

3. When may one marry one's wife's sister?

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