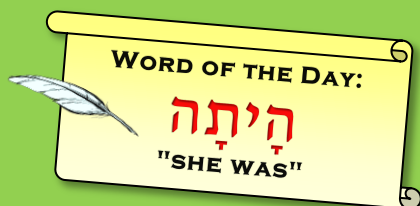
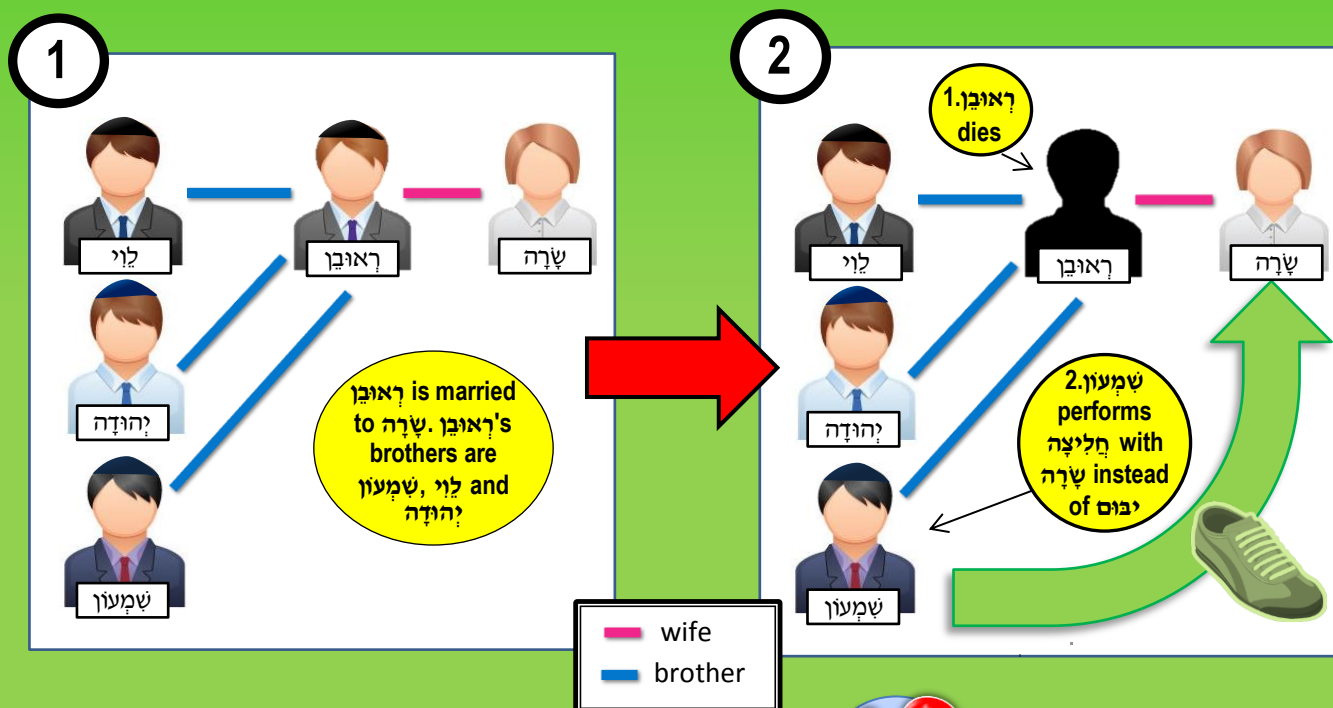


Inside the Daf

The גמרא discusses what would happen if a living brother decides to do חליצה with his dead brother's wife...and then decides to marry her.

Normally, one receives כרת, early death, for marrying his brother's wife. Therefore, according to ריש לקיש, if there are other living brothers besides the one who performed חליצה, they would receive כרת if they would marry their dead brother's sister.

When it comes to the brother who performed חליצה, ריש לקיש says that even though he would violate a Torah commandment, he would not receive כרת. רבי יוחנן on the other hand says the כרת punishment would no longer apply neither to the brother who performed חליצה, nor to the other brothers. See the diagrams below for an illustration of this case.



Did You Know...
 The sage לוי, who lived in the time of the משנה, had his own collection of גריות (outside texts) which were similar our משניות.



A Matter of מחלוקת

When one brother in a group of brothers performs חליצה, ריש לקיש and ריש לקיש disagree about the punishment the other brothers would receive

if they were to marry their dead brother's widow (see pg.27).

ריש לקיש says they would receive כרת, the early death penalty since that is the standard punishment for someone who marries his brother's wife. If the brother who performed חליצה on the widow would now marry her, he would be violating a Torah commandment but would not receive כרת. This is because the Torah says, once he performs חליצה "לא יבנה" "he will never build" his brother's house again. ריש לקיש says this means he is not *allowed* to build his brother's house ever again by marrying his brother's widow. If he does, he violates a Torah commandment.

ריש לקיש says no one, not even the other brothers, receives כרת. The brother who performed חליצה was like an *agent* working on behalf of all the brothers so they would not have to perform חליצה. All the brothers are just like the one who performed חליצה; Just like *he* would not receive כרת for marrying the widow, neither would any of the brothers.

Nadav was thirsty. Seeing the empty water pitcher on the table, he went to fill it up.

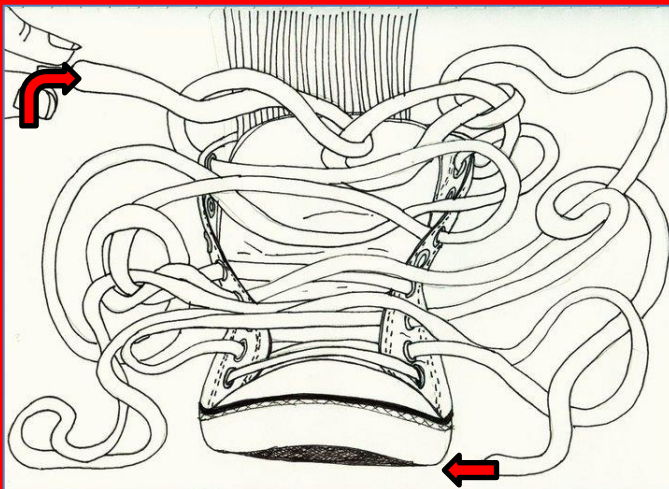
"Thanks, Nadav," a classmate at his table said. "Whenever I'm thirsty, I just wait for someone else to fill up the pitcher so I don't have to."

"Well," laughed Nadav, "I learned something in *daf yomi*. If a brother performs חליצה, then if he or any of his brothers marry their dead brother's widow, they do not receive כרת, but rather a lesser penalty. By acting as a messenger, the brother who performed חליצה saves all his other brothers from receiving a stricter punishment. Sometimes by doing something that helps ourselves, we can also save other people from going through a whole bunch of trouble."

A חידון Moment

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יבמות דף י' - Review Questions

1. What punishment would one normally receive for marrying his brother's wife?

2. What does ריש לקיש learn from the expression, "לא יבנה"?

3. What did לוי compile?