

מסכת יבמות דף יד

DAF YOMI4 KIDS

Inside the Daf

The גמרא tells us about some practices of Jewish law which were once observed

differently in different communities. Nowadays

these laws are observed the same way in every community.

רבי אילעזר says that preparations for a ברית מילה that could have been made before the Sabbath, may even be done on the Sabbath itself

That means, one may cut down trees on the Sabbath in order to make coal to burn a fire in order to make iron for the circumcision knife.

רבי עקיבא says, only preparations for a circumcision that could not have been done before the Sabbath, may be done on the Sabbath itself.

ברית מילה (circumcision) on the Sabbath:

Eating Chicken with Milk:



רבי יוסי הגלילי held that only those animals which give milk to their young may not be eaten with milk. Animals such as birds which do not feed milk to their young may be eaten with milk

Other משנה (Sages of the era) hold that even birds may not be eaten with milk, and this is the opinion we follow today.

In רבי יוסי's area, they would eat chicken (or other birds) with milk.

רבי יהושע בן לוי says, a candle that was lit for the Sabbath, but burned out before the Sabbath was over, may be moved on the Sabbath.

רבי יוחנן holds that such a candle may not be moved on the Sabbath, just like a candle that is still burning may not be moved.

When רבי אבהו would visit רבי יוחנן's community on the Sabbath, he would be careful not to move a candle which had burned out. When he would visit רבי יהושע בן לוי's area, he would move such a candle.

Extinguished Candles

WORD OF THE DAY:

סְבִירָה

"YOU THINK/HOLD"

Did You Know...

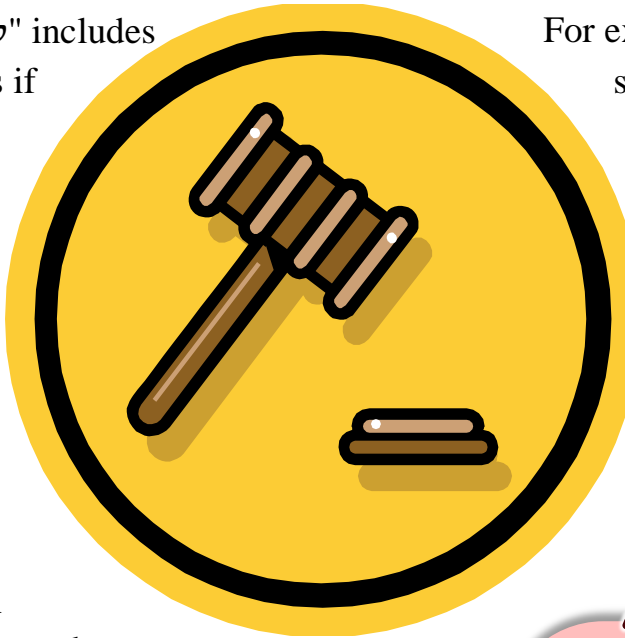
Even though we follow the opinions of בית הלל (School of Hillel) over בית שמאי (School of Shammai), the students of the School of שמאי were actually sharper.

This Town Ain't Big Enough for Both of Us

The rule of "לא תתגדור" includes not making it appear as if there is more than one Torah. If different people practice the Torah laws differently, it looks like the Jewish people received more than one Torah.

We have learned that different communities practiced certain Torah laws differently. For example, in יוסי הגלילי's community, chicken was eaten with milk while in other communities this practice was not allowed (see pg. 35). Wouldn't different communities practicing the Torah differently be an example of "לא תתגדור" and therefore not allowed?

ר'בא says that it is allowed for two בתי דין, or religious courts, in one town and to give different rulings in Jewish law. One is allowed to follow whichever court one chooses and to obey it in all of its rulings.



For example, followers of the school of שמואי were allowed to follow the court of שמואי's decisions and followers of the school of הלל were allowed to follow the court of הלל's decisions

A Moment מדות

"Jason," said Joshua, "I noticed that chocolate bar you are eating doesn't have the type of kosher sign your family follows."

"Thanks for telling me, Joshua. But why would you tell me that? After all, *you* have no problem with the kosher sign on this chocolate bar..."

"In *daf yomi* we are taught, בית שמואי (the school of שמואי) and בית הלל (the school of הלל) would marry each other's women. This is incredible because there were some women, whom, according to בית הלל, were not allowed to marry into the Jewish community, but according to בית שמואי, were allowed. Before someone from בית שמואי would marry a woman from בית הלל's community, בית הלל would tell בית שמואי if this woman was allowed to marry into their group. Even though בית שמואי thought there was nothing wrong with the woman in question, they were sensitive to בית הלל's opinion.

"We see from here," concluded Joshua, "that even if one does not personally follow someone's view, we should be sensitive to someone who does."

יבמות דף י"ד – Review Questions

1. Give an example of a practice that was done differently in different Jewish communities.

2. When can two courts issue different rulings in matters of Jewish law?

3. Who were sharper, בית שמואי or בית הלל?

Games



How many words can you spell with these letters?
(There are at least 90!)

COMMUNITY