

# Inside-the-Daf

The Sages were aghast. They had sided with בִּית הִלֵּל that a co-wife is not allowed to perform יִבּוּם with the living brother, but they heard that the great scholar, רְבִּי דִּוֹסָא בֶּן הָרְפִינָס, had sided with רְבִּי דְּוֹסָא בֶּן הָרְפִינָס with her brotherin-law (See pg. 33 for an illustration of this case).

The Sages wanted to express their disagreement with רְבִּי דּוֹסָא, but his



eyesight was poor and therefore could not come to the study hall to discuss the matter.

Instead, a delegation of wise rabbis were sent to discuss the matter with רַבִּי דּוֹסָא. They asked גְבִי דּוֹסָא what his opinion was regarding גְרַת הַבַּת אַ

"The law follows בִית הִלֵל," said the sage, plainly.

"But we heard in your name that the law follows בית שַׁמַאי!" exclaimed the confused rabbis.

"When you heard this in my name," said רְבִּי דּוֹסָא, "did you hear it in the name of 'the son of 'דּוֹסָא' or in the same of 'the son of 'דּוֹסָא'

רְבִּי דּוֹסָא explained the difference.

"I have a younger brother, יוֹנָתָן, who is sharp and stubborn. Even when all the Sages disagree with him, he *still* issues rulings against them!" רְבִּי דַוֹסָא could very well see his brother רְבִי דַוֹסָא saying that the law follows הָרָכִינָס, against the opinion all of the other Sages.

"By the life of our teacher," answered the rabbis, "we heard it in the name of 'the son of הָרְכִינָס."

And so the matter was clarified.

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Tadmor

## Good Converts

You can't do much better than getting a prophet's approval.

תַּגָּי (Haggai), one of the last prophets of the Jewish people, declared that we may accept converts from the city of תַּרְמוֹד. תַּרְמוֹד is a city in modern day Syria called Palmyra on account of the many palm trees that once grew there.

ז תַבְּי יוֹחָנָן say that חַגֵּי the Prophet said no such thing. In fact, according to those scholars, Tarmodites are not accepted as converts. Why not?

The Tarmodites are the descendants of King Solomon's slaves who married Jewish women and had children who settled in Tarmod. If a slave has a child with a Jewish woman, according to רְבָּי רְבָּי, a Jew who cannot marry into the Jewish community. Since these children are מַמְגַרִים they and their descendants may not convert or marry into the Jewish community.

### Did You Know...

The ancient tribes of עַמּוֹן (Ammon) and מוֹאָב (Moab) were particularly evil. When the Temple was being destroyed, most of the ancient tribes were busy looting the gold and silver. עַמּוֹן and מוֹאָב however, chose to destroy the Torah scrolls.

### A מְדוֹת Moment

"I can't *believe* that Rabbi Gustromovitz said that!" exclaimed Chezky.

"I didn't," said Rabbi Gustromovitz . "If you've heard that someone has done something unthinkable, don't believe it right away. When the Sages heard that רְבִּי said something unthinkable, they did not believe it but rather asked רְבִי דּוֹסָא himself if he in fact made the statement. The great Sages did not take a strange statement for granted."

"I see what you mean. Before believing that somebody said something unbelievable...check first!"



#### Review Questions – יְבַמוֹת דַּף ט"ז

1. In truth, who followed בֵּית שַׁמַאי's ruling?

2. Which prophet said that we may accept converts from רַקרמוד?

3. What did the tribes of אַמוֹאָב and מוֹאָב do while the Temple was being destroyed?

Cross out every second letter (starting from the outside) (HINT: RABBI)

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