

We may not think about things this way, but anyone who died before we were born wasn't in "our world."

The אָמָרָא talks about a brother who wasn't in his younger brother's world, that is, he died before his younger brother was born. The case is called, "אָשָׁת אָחִיו שָׁלא הָיָה בְּעוּלָמוֹ" "the wife of his brother who was not in his world." See the diagrams below to learn more about this case.



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Where-Are-You-From?



The Talmudic sage רַב הַמְנוּנָא refused to stay silent. Again and again during the course of the lecture, he challenged the elder scholar, עולא, with one question after another.

Finally, עולא exclaimed, "What a great man! What power he has in his scholarship!"

"If only his hometown was not Harpania..." he added.

Harpania was a Babylonian city filled with people of poor lineage.

As הָר שֶׁהַכֹּל פּוֹנִין " comes from an abbreviation of the words, " הַרְפָּנָיָא" comes from an abbreviation of the words, " הַר שֶׁהַכֹּל פּוֹנִין ia", "a mountain to which all people [of poor lineage] turn." Whoever did not know which family line or which הַרְפַנָיָא (tribe) he came from would go to הַרְפַנָיָא to find a mate.

רב המנונא was embarrassed by עולא statement.

A-DITD-Moment

Isaac was feeling humiliated. Playing soccer at recess, he had slipped and gotten mud all over his pants. He would be forced to go through the rest of the day with his stained clothing.

"Hey, nice pants Isaac!" mocked one classmate.

"Don't make him feel bad," said Isaac's best friend, Matthew. "In daf yomi we see that as soon as עולא saw that רָב הַמְנוּנָא was embarrassed of his hometown, he tried to make רב המנוגא feel better by saying that another town must be his birthplace. That's right. We see that we should make all efforts to ensure someone is not embarrassed."



- I pay taxes in פּוּם נַהַרַא
- 2. I thought רֵב הַמְנוּנֵא lived in הַרְפַּנְיָא
- 3. I perform יבוּם with שרה
- 4. I wasn't in this world when ראוּבן died
- I am ראוּבן's wife

"I pay my taxes to the town of פום נהרא," said רב," said ות הַמְנוּנָא, and not to the town of הַמְנוּנָא.

"In that case," said עוּלָא, "you are really from פום הַרְפַּנְיָא and not הַרְפַּנְיָא.

Did You Know...

Some say that when the Ten Tribes were exiled by the Assvrians. the women became barren.

Games

Review Questions – יְבַמוֹת דַּף י"ז

1. What does "אֶשֶׁת אֲחֵיו שֶׁלָּא הֵיֵה בְּעוֹלַמוֹ" mean?

2. Which city was known for having people of poor lineage?

3. Which exiled women became barren?