

מסכת

יבמות

דף מא

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Inside the Daf

Let's say a woman was married, but then her husband dies. If she was pregnant when her husband's died, we know that he was the baby's father.

But what if the woman married another man right away after her husband's death. If she later gives birth to a baby, we wouldn't know if the father is her first husband or second husband.

WAITING 3 MONTHS

That's why the Sages made a rule. A wife has to wait at least three months after her husband's death before she is allowed to remarry. After three months, we can see if the wife is pregnant. If she is, we know the baby's father was her first husband. If she is not pregnant at this time and marries a new husband, we know that the new husband is the father of any babies she will have.



DIVORCED WOMAN



WIDOW

The "three month rule" is also true for a divorced woman or for a woman about to perform יבום (levirate marriage) with her late husband's brother. These women must wait three months after their divorce, or after their husband's death, before they remarry. That way we will know which husband is the father of her baby.

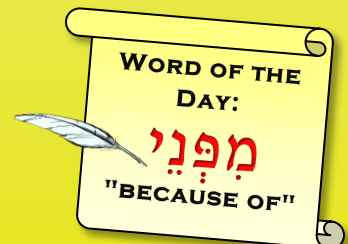


Did You Know...

If a man married one of two sisters but forgot which one, and dies, both sisters perform הליצה and the living brother marries neither.



WAITING FOR יבום!



WORD OF THE DAY:

מִפְּנֵי

"BECAUSE OF"

Who Takes Care of the יבמה?

In the times of the Talmud, husbands worked to provide their wives with food and other things necessary for living. If a husband died, his wife risked starving.



For this reason, after a husband dies, his widow is given money from his property to buy food. When a widow is waiting for her dead husband's brother to perform יבום, she is given money for her food from her husband's property for three months. After three months, the יבם (her dead husband's brother) must either perform יבום, and provide her with food, or חליצה. If the יבם refuses to perform יבום or חליצה, the widow may command him to come to court and perform one of these two activities. If he runs away, the widow is given money for food from the יבם's property. She receives this money for food until he either performs יבום or חליצה.

A Moment

"I was so embarrassed today!" exclaimed James. "I was giving a class presentation and when the teacher asked me a follow up question, I couldn't answer it! I just stood there silently."

"Don't be embarrassed," reassured his father. "Even in the Talmud we see that some of the greatest Sages, such as רבא, didn't always have the answers to every question they were asked. Sometimes they would think of an answer later on. These questions gave them an opportunity to think hard to find a good answer."

(based on תוס' הרא"ש)

Games

יבמות דף מ"א - Review Questions

1. How long does a widow have to wait before remarrying?

2. For how long does a יבמה receive food money after her husband dies?

3. If someone forgot which of two sisters he married, and dies, what happens to them?

Pictures from the Page

What do each of these pictures have to do with this daf?

