



Did You Know...

רַב יוֹסֵף says that some statements of the מֵשֶׁנָּה are obvious and can be found in verses in the Torah itself.

Inside the Daf

When a man dies childless, his brother is commanded to perform יְבוּם (levirate marriage) with the dead man's widow. Since he is commanded to perform יְבוּם, it is like he is connected to the widow by a bond. We call this bond, "זיקה."

If the living brother does not want to perform יְבוּם, he may perform a הַלִיצָה (shoe removal) ceremony with the widow which removes his זיקה connection to her.

Before יְבוּם is performed, the brother must perform מֵאָמֵר, an act of marriage, with the widow. He may do this by giving the widow an object such as a ring. After he performs מֵאָמֵר, it is like he and the widow are married.

Just like a regular marriage, מֵאָמֵר may be dissolved if the brother gives a גֵּט (divorce document) to the widow.

If the brother performed מֵאָמֵר with the widow and gave her a גֵּט, the גֵּט takes away the marriage. But the brother must still perform הַלִיצָה to remove the זיקה bond.

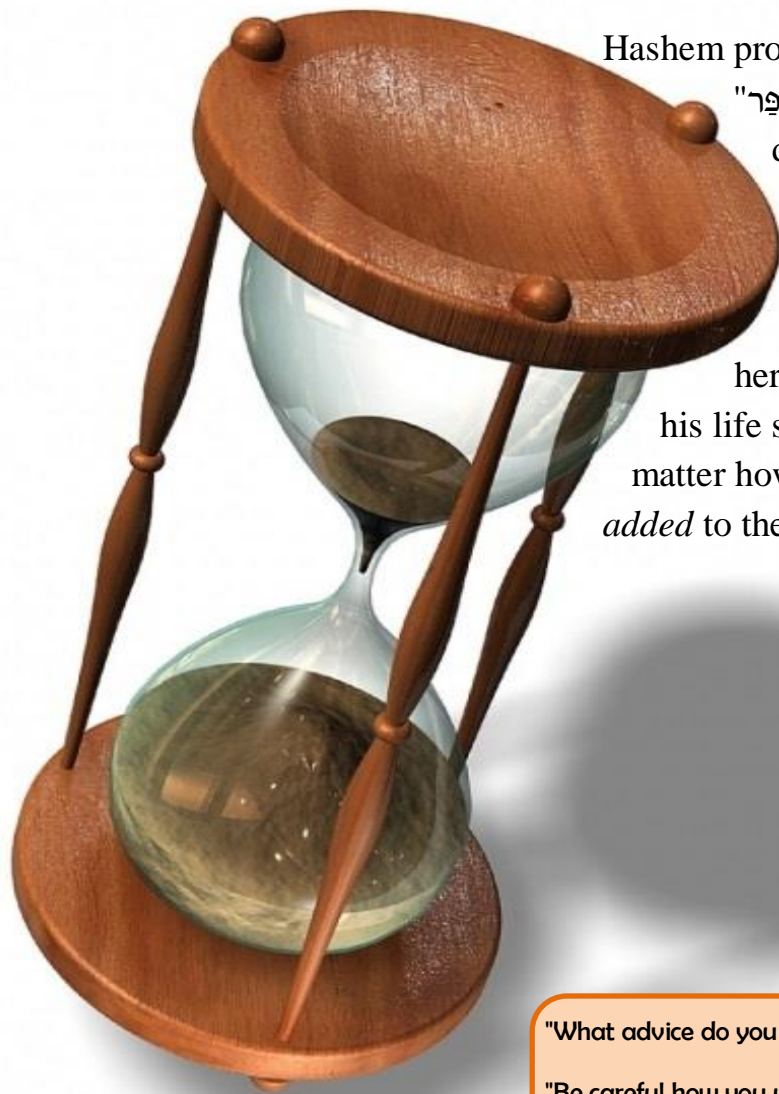
Since he began to release the widow by giving her a גֵּט he may no longer perform יְבוּם with her. He must perform הַלִיצָה and fully remove himself from her.

WORD OF THE DAY:

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"THESE"

The Days of Man



Hashem promises the Jewish people that if they serve Him, then, "יִמְיָד אֲמַלֵּא אֶת מִסְפַּר", "I will fill out the number of your days," (שמות כג, כו, Ex. 23,26).

The גמרא explains that every person is given a life span at birth. If one leads a good life Hashem allows the person to live out the full term of his or her life. If one sins, that person is not allowed to live out his life span and his life is shortened. רבי עקיבא says, no matter how righteous a person is, he may never have years *added* to the life span he or she was given at birth.

The Sages say, if one merits, one may have years added to his or her life. In fact, the prophet ישעיה (Isaiah) told the righteous king חזקיה (Hezekiah) that he would have fifteen years added to his life (see מלכים ב', כ, ה-ו, II Kings 20, 5-6).

A Moment

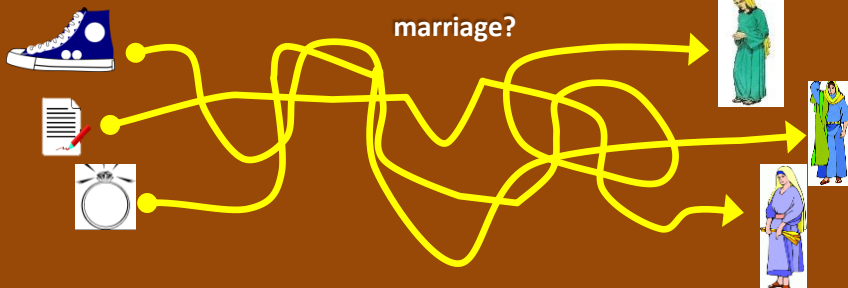
"What advice do you have for me for my bar mitzvah?" Jonathan asked the rabbi.

"Be careful how you use your time," said the rabbi. "The גמרא teaches that man is given only a certain number of years to live. If a man sins, those years may be taken away. So how you use your limited time on this earth can end up costing you even more time!"

Games

Crazy Arrows

Which woman receives חליצה, a divorce document and marriage?



Review Questions – יבמות דף נ –

1. What must be given to a widow to dissolve מואמר?
2. Can years be added to a person's life according to רבי עקיבא? The Sages?
3. What does רב יוסף say about some statements in the משנה?