

מסכת יבמות דף

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Inside the Daf



כְּהֵנִים have special rules. One of these rules is that they may not come near a dead body. If a כְּהֵן comes near a dead body, he becomes טָמֵא (impure).

There are some times that a כְּהֵן may come near a dead body. For example, a כְּהֵן may come near the dead bodies of his seven closest relatives for their burial: his mother, father, brother, son, daughter, wife and sister.

But with his sister there is a catch. A כְּהֵן may become טָמֵא from his dead sister only if she is not married.

We learned that there are two parts to a marriage: אֵירוּסִין, betrothal and גִּשׁוּאִין, marriage (see pg. 3 for more explanation).

The גְּמָרָא asks about a כְּהֵן's sister who died after אֵירוּסִין but before גִּשׁוּאִין. Is she "unmarried" because she did not do גִּשׁוּאִין? Or is she "married" because she has experienced the first stage of marriage?

רַבִּי יְהוּדָה and רַבִּי מֵאִיר say a כְּהֵן may become טָמֵא from a sister who performed אֵירוּסִין and רַבִּי יוֹסִי and רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן say he may not.



Did You Know...

The teachings of רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר בֶּן יַעֲקֹב are "few but pure." That means, his opinions do not often appear in the מִשְׁנָה but when they do, they are accepted as the law.

WORD OF THE DAY:

אָזַל
"WENT"

Meddling Midianites

The Midianites (מִדְיָנִים) were an ancient tribe that descended from אַבְרָהָם (Abraham). They were also shameless idolaters.

The Midianites caused major problems for the בני ישראל (Children of Israel) when they travelled in the desert on the way to the land of כְּנָעַן (Canaan). This tribe convinced the בני ישראל to make sacrifices to their idols and to worship them.

This made Hashem furious and He sent a plague that wiped out many Israelites.

Later, מֹשֶׁה (Moses) is commanded to take revenge against the Midianites. An army is gathered to attack them. The army is victorious and returns with spoils and captives.

When the army returned with the captives, מֹשֶׁה orders the officers to kill all of the captives except for the young girls.

רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן בַּר יוֹחִי says that these girls were younger than three years old and one day. They would convert to Judaism and, because of their young age, would be allowed to marry כֹּהֲנִים even though כֹּהֲנִים may not marry a convert.



A Moment - מְדוּת

Yikes, thought Jamie to himself as everyone handed in their גְּמָרָא class reports. Each report was bigger than the last! Jamie was worried his report wouldn't be good enough.

Noticing this, his teacher said, "Don't worry Jamie. The גְּמָרָא says that רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר בֶּן יַעֲקֹב teachings were few...but they were always accepted as the law. Quality is more important than quantity!"

Games



How many words can you spell with these letters?
(There are at least 150!)

MIDIANITE

יבמות דף 6 - Review Questions

1. When may a טָמֵא become טָמֵא (impure) for his dead sister?

2. Which tribe convinced the Israelites to worship idols?

3. Whose teachings are few but pure?