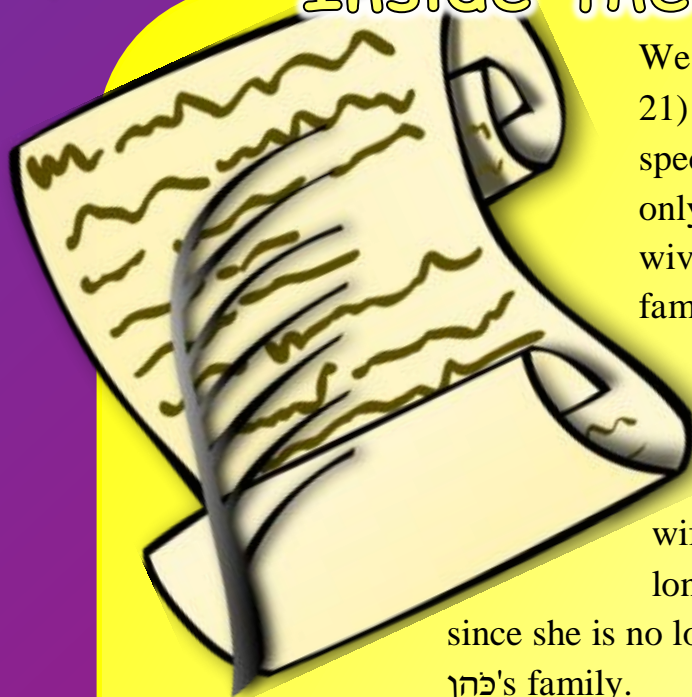


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Inside the Daf



We have learned (pg. 21) that תרומה is the special food that only כהנים, their wives and their families, may eat.

If a כהן divorces his non-כהן wife, she may no longer eat תרומה since she is no longer a part of the כהן's family.

The גמרא asks what would happen if a כהן gave his wife a גט (divorce document) and told her that the גט doesn't work right away to divorce her. Rather, he says, the גט will work to divorce her *one moment* before his death. May she still eat תרומה?

The answer is, no. Since any person may die at any time, the כהן, too might die one moment after his wife has eaten his תרומה. That would mean, his wife was divorced from him at the time she ate the תרומה. A divorced wife of a כהן may not partake in eating תרומה.

This case is an example of how the Sages were sometimes worried even about the small possibility of a person's death.



Did You Know...

Until 40 days pass, a human fetus is "only water."



The גמרא taught that until 40 days pass, a fetus is "just water." After 40 days, an osteocartilaginous skeleton is formed giving the fetus its characteristic human form. At around this time, the face develops a human shape and "limb buds" become clearly defined fingers and toes.

(Source: Color Atlas of Life Before Birth, Chicago, Year Book Medical Publishers Inc., 1983)

WORD OF THE DAY:

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"WE FIND"

An Insane Marriage

Even though marriage is a very important in Judaism, there are some people who are not allowed to get married.



Take an insane person, for example. Someone who is insane cannot marry anyone. Even if he performs an act of marriage that would usually work (like giving a woman a ring and, in front of witnesses, asking her to marry him, or taking her under a חופה or wedding canopy) the marriage still does not work.

Therefore, if the insane person is a כהן who performed an act of marriage with a non-כהן woman, she may not eat תרומה even though she would if the כהן was not insane.

Also, if the woman was the daughter of a כהן and still living in her father's house and eating תרומה (see pg.22), she may still continue to eat תרומה if a non-כהן performs an act of marriage with her. Even though an act of marriage with a non-כהן would mean that the daughter of the כהן may not eat תרומה any more, since the marriage of an insane non-כהן doesn't work, she may still eat תרומה.

A Moment

Shimon was firm in his decision. Yoni didn't let him use his basketball the day before, so he wouldn't let Yoni use *his* soccer ball today.

"Are you sure that's a good idea?" asked Shimon's teacher when hearing his decision. "The decisions you make today can affect untold generations. We learn in the גמרא how Amonite and Moabite may never convert to Judaism because they were merciless, refusing to give the Israelites bread and water. Be careful about your decision to act mercilessly. Who knows how it will affect you later on?"

Games

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Review Questions – יבמות דף ס"ט

1. May a כהן's wife eat תרומה after he divorces her? Why?

2. What sort of person may not perform marriage?

3. Until when is a fetus "just water"?