

מסכת יבמות דף פ

DAF YOMI4 KIDS

Inside the Daf

A סָרִיס is a man who is not able to father children. If a man develops certain signs by the age of twenty, we may assume he is a סָרִיס and unable to have children. The גְּמָרָא lists some of these signs and they appear in the graphic, below.

Signs of a סָרִיס

Soft hair



No beard



Smooth skin



Thin voice

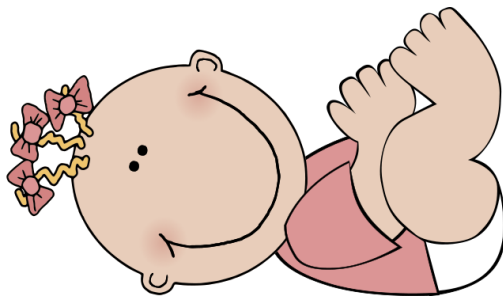


Steam does not rise from his body in the winter

WORDS OF THE DAY:
מֵנָּה יְדַעִינָּן
 "FROM WHERE DO WE KNOW?"

The "Eight Month" Baby

In the times of the גמרא, it was rare for a baby to live if it was born after an eight month pregnancy. Such a baby was so frail that even moving it a bit may cause a great danger to its life.



build-up of milk in her body can cause a danger to her life, too.

רבי says that not all babies born in the eighth month of pregnancy will die. If certain parts of the child's body, such as hair and fingernails, are underdeveloped, רבי says that this is a sign the infant will probably not survive.

In order not to injure the baby, the גמרא says that its mother must lean over the infant in order to nurse it. It is important for the mother to nurse the child. Otherwise, the



Did You Know...

An אֵילוּנִית is a woman who has qualities like a man and cannot bear children. For example, her voice is thick and one cannot tell whether it is the voice of a man or a woman.

A מְדוּת Moment

"Today," said Rabbi Mermelfelderstein, "we will learn about..."

"What will we learn about?" interrupted Michael. "Will it take a long time? Is it hard?"

"We will learn about the importance of..."

"How important is it? Is it very important. *Will it be on the test?*"

"Michael," said the rabbi, "it is important to first *listen* to what your teacher is saying *before* asking questions. We see that the sages of the Talmud would first listen to everything their teachers said and only *afterwards* would they try to understand it. That's why רב יוסף says 'I heard אמי say this [teaching] but I didn't know what it was.' We first *listen* and then we try to understand."

(ביאור אגדות חז"ל)

Rashi says that if a mother does not nurse her baby, she poses a danger to herself. According to many scientific studies, nursing decreases the risk of breast cancer and ovarian cancer in

women. (*Collaborative Group on Hormonal Factors in Breast Cancer; Lancet, 2002*)

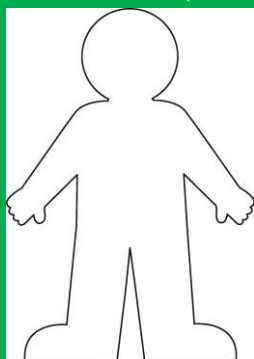


Games



DRAW IT!

Read "Inside the Daf" and draw a picture of a פְּרִיס.



Review Questions – יבמות דף פ'

1. What is a פְּרִיס?

2. In the times of the Talmud, what sort of baby would rarely survive?

3. What is one of the signs of an אֵילוּנִית?
