

Our daf began with 2 incidents that illustrate the concept of וגילו ברעדה.

מר בריה דרבינא and דרבינא, at the weddings of their sons, were concerned that the rejoicing of the participants was becoming excessive. To temper their mood, they broke an expensive glass. Tosfos points out, that this is the source for our custom to break a glass at our weddings.



The Gemora next brings several Braisos, which tell us how one should approach and prepare for T'fillah, in order to maximize his ability to concentrate on his davening.

ת"ר אין עומדין להתפלל לא מתוך דין ולא מתוך דבר הלכה אלא מתוך הלכה פסוקה

Before davening, one should not learn intricate halochos, which require in depth thought and analysis, because, that might cause him to continue thinking about it during davening, thereby disturbing his concentration. Rather he should learn clear cut halochos before davening.



Another Braiso: ת"ר אין עומדין להתפלל לא מתוך עצבות ולא מתוך עצבות ולא מתוך שחוף ולא מתוך שיחה ולא מתוך קלות ראש ולא מתוך דברים בטלים, אלא מתוך ולא מתוך שמחה של מצוה

One should not approach davening from a state of lightheadedness, idle words, etc. because all these are not conducive to proper concentration during davening.

Rather the simcha of a mitzvah, such as learning or saying praises of Hashem, will enhance his kavono during t'fillah.









Similarly, the Gemora says: אל יפטר אדם מחבירו אלא מתוך דבר הלכה שמתוך כך זוכרהו הלכה שמתוך כך זוכרהו

One should part from his friend with a Dvar Torah by which they will remember each other.



The Gemora mentions some additional methods of enhancing one's kavono, and other halochos pertaining to T'fillah.

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The Gemorah next teaches 3 Halochos that are learned from a posuk in Sefer Daniel.

One should daven;

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- 1. in a room that has windows,
- 2. three times a day,
- 3. facing Yerushalayim.

However, the 3 T'fillos should not be bunched together one after another. Rather, they should be spread out over the course of the day, as it says in Tehilim, ערב ובקר וצהרים - evening, morning, and afternoon.









The Gemorah continues;

אמר רב המנונא כמה הלכתא גברוותא איכא למשמע מהני קראי דחנה Many important halochos can be learned from the psukim of Chana's T'fillah.

The Posuk Says: From this we learn:

וחנה היא מדברת על לבה
During davening, one

must concentrate and direct his

heart to Hashem.

רק שפתיה נעות One must clearly

pronounce the words of his t'fillah.

וקולה לא ישמע However, he should not raise his voice to the point where others can hear him.

וחשביה עלי לשכורה One who is drunk/inebriated is not permitted to daven.

The Gemorah later adds:

אני האשה הניצבת עמכה בזה It is forbidden to sit within four amos of one who is davening.

Since Chanah was mentioned, the Gemora elaborates on the arguments she used to press her case - so to speak - that Hashem should grant her a child. At the bottom of the Amud, the gemorah says, that her words were actually too strong and disrespectful when speaking to Hashem. Because the posuk states; ותתפלל על השם she davened against Hashem, rather than the more common phrase ותתפלל אל השם she davened to Hashem

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She made the following arguments;

*From all the creatures You have created, couldn't You grant me a child?

*If You do not grant me a child, I will act in the manner of a Sotah, and will have to drink the waters of sotah. And it says in the Torah, after drinking the waters, that if indeed she did not sin, if she had been barren she will now bear children. Of course, You Hashem will be forced to uphold the promise of the Torah. *The Mishnah in Maseches Shabbos says; There are 3 Aveiros that may cause a woman to die in childbirth. They are: Niddah-Challah - and Hadlokas Haneir - Did I ever violate any of these Mitzyos.

*Everything You created in the Human being is for a purpose. In my case, the ability of a woman to nurse her child will have been for naught. Give me a child so that I may utilize this ability and nurse my child.

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- Everything You created is for a purpose.

Give me a child so that I may utilize this ability and nurse my child

ר' אלעזר משום ר' יוםי בן זמרא





Shabbos.



This last argument was taught by ר' אלעזר משום ר' יוסי בן זמרא.
Therefore, the Gemora brings another one of his teachings as follows:

כל היושב בתענית בשבת קורעין לו גזר דינו של שבעים שנה The merit of one who fasts on Shabbos is so great that it has the power to annul a decree of seventy years. However, ליתב תענית העניתו - he should fast another day during the week to atone for the aveirah of fasting on Shabbos, which is a lack of oneg לותב בתענית בשבת קורעין לו גזר דינו של שבעים שנה

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R' Elozor had mentioned before, that Chanah spoke too strongly towards Hashem.

Continues R' Elozor, Eliyohu Ha'novi also spoke too strongly toward Hashem. When he said regarding those that strayed after the Baal, that Hashem in some way caused them to stray.

Ultimately, Hashem conceded by saying to later N'vi'im ואשר וא . I have caused to do evil by creating the Yetzer Harah in each person.

The Maharshah explains, although it is not an excuse, because we all have בחירה - free will - it does mitigate the Aveirah somewhat.





