

1 Our shiur began on the bottom of daf Mem Vov Amud Bais

תנו רבנן אין מכבדין לא בדרכים ולא בגשרים

The Baraisa – teaches that there is no need to honor a prominent person and allow him to proceed first when meeting on the road or when passing over a bridge. Also,

הוח כמזוהמות - there is no need to wash mayim acharonim in order of prominence - other than the one who benches, as described in the previous daf..



R' Yochanan said similarly, that we need to accord honor only when entering a doorway that is fit for mezuzah, but not when traveling on the road or when going through a breach in a wall.









The Gemara then returns to discuss various halachos concerning הבוצע - the one who breaks bread and makes the brachah of haMotzei for others:

אמור בריה דרב אין המסובין אמואל בר שילת שילת בריה דרב אין המסובין אמור רב יהודה בריה בריה יהוצע ישיטעום ברשאין לאכול יהוא ישיטעום הבוצע יהוא the people in the group may not eat anything until after the one making hamotzei has begun to eat.

Another Halocho is that after the leader makes haMotzei, he should not cut the loaf of bread עד שיכלה אמן מפי העונים - until everyone has completely finished saying - because - אמן - because - אמן is considered as part of the bracha, and a person may not cut his bread until he concludes his bracha.

Rav Chisda however, says - עד שיכלה אכזן כופי רוב העונים may cut the bread after most of the people present have finished saying Amen, but if some of the people stretch out the word Amen excessively, the בוצע need not wait for him to finish saying Amen before cutting the bread, because it is wrong to stretch out Amen excessively.











The Gemara then begins to discuss the proper way to answer Amen:

תנו רבנן - אין עונין לא אמן חטופה – We may not answer a hasty Amen, meaning, Amen should not be pronounced with a Shevah, = "E-mein", but rather with a Komatz, = O'mein.

ולא אמן קטופה - also, we may not answer an abbreviated Amen, which means, that the "nun" is not enunciated, = "O'mei"

- חלא אמן יתומה - and one may not say an orphaned Amen. This refers to one who answers Amen without hearing or knowing what Bracha he is answering to.

And also לא יזרוק הברכה מפיו - one may not throw a bracha from his mouth in haste; Rather a bracha must be recited slowly and respectfully.

Pen Azai then adds that - כל המאריך באמן מאריכין לו ימיו ושנותיו - One who lengthens his Omein - meaning that he answers Omein slowly and carefully, but not excessively long - will have lengthened days and years.











he Gemara then proceeds to teach the following law regarding zimun: As a general rule, in order for three people to join in a zimun group, they must eat their meal together at the same time.

The Gemara cites an incident, where Rav and Shmuel had already finished eating, when אתא רב שימי בר חייא והוה קמסרהב Rav Simi came along and began to eat his meal quickly, which indicated that he wanted to join them as a zimun group. Rav said; that we cannot combine to become a zimun group of three, because - אנן אכילנא לן - we had finished eating before the third person came along. However, Shmuel maintained that they were permitted to join as a zimun group because, although he and Rav had already finished eating - אילו מייתי לי ארדיליא וגוולאי לאבא, מי לא אכלינן - had someone brought us a delicacy, such as mushrooms or young pigeons, would we not have eaten it?! Certainly, we would! This, argued Shmuel, is sufficient indication that our meal is not over yet.

Therefore, Rav and Shmuel were able to join with the third person in a zimun group, even though he joined them after they finished eating.

The Gemara concludes with another halachah regarding zimun: והלכתא גדול מברך אע"ג דאתא לבסוף – The halachah is that the most prominent person in the group should lead the zimun, even if he first came at the end of the meal.











The Gemora now goes back to the Mishnah on אדף סד. which listed a number of situations where that person may be included in the zimun, and similar cases with slightly different situations where he cannot be included in the zimun. The Gemara first addresses the first group of cases which are as follows

אכל דמאי

ומעשר ראשון שנטלה תרומתו

מעשר שני והקדש שנפדו

והשמש שאכל כזית

והכותי

The all of the above cases, which were already discribed in the prious daf, he can be included in the zimun. In each case the Gemora goes on to explain, why we might think that he should not be included in the zimun, and why the Mishnah paskens that he can be included in the zimun.

The second group of cases is as follows: אכל טבל ומעשר ראשון שלא נטלה תרומתו ומעשר שני והקדש שלא נפדו והשמש שאכל פחות מכזית

והנכרי

אין מזמנין עליהן - In these cases he cannot be included in zimun.

Here too, the Gemora explains, why we might think that he can be included in the zimun, and why the Mishnah paskens that he cannot be included in the zimun.

In the middle of this discussion the Gemora brought a Braisa which the concept of an עם הארץ

The gemora asks איזהו עם הארץ – what type of person does the Mishnah label as an "Am Ha'aretz":

בטהרה חולין בטהרה - One who does not eat Chullin B'Taharah

כראוי מעשר פירותיו כראוי - One who doesn't separate Maaser properly

כל שאינו קורא ק"ש ערבית ושחרית - One who does not recite the Shema in the morning and night

כל שאינו מניח תפילין - One who does not put on Tefillin כל שאין לו ציצית בבגדו - One who doesn't wear Tzitzis סרבווי - One who does not have a Mezuzah on his doorpost כל שאין מזוזה על פתחו - One who does not raise his children in the ways of Torah.

The Baraisa concludes:

אפילו קרא ושנה ולא שמש ת"ח הרי זה ע"ה that the term Am Ha'aretz refers to whoever was not משמש תלמידי חכמים, literally: did not serve torah scholars. And Rashi explains that this refers to one who did not study **G**emara.







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13 Our daf ends with several novel and lenient rulings, regarding who is qualified to serve as the tenth person in a zimun of ten, or in a minyan in shul:

For example, although our Mishnah teaches;

בשים ועבדים וקטנים אין מזמנים עליהם - Women, servants, and minors may not join in a zimun group, the Gemara cites an opinion that עבדים וקטנים may complete a minyan of ten when there are already nine adult men in the group.

The Gemorah then relates a supporting story מעשה ברבי מעשה ברבי where R' Eliezer freed one of his Canaanite servants to make a minyan. Even though we just learned that an עבד may be counted for a 10th person, however he had to free him, because he was only the ninth person. He then used another עבד as the tenth person.

Although there is an יכל המשחרר עבדו עובר בעשה of יעבה יכר יכל המשחרר עבדו עובר בעשה of rees his Canaanite servant transgresses a positive commandment of - לעולם בהם תעבודו - you shall work them forever, however -

שאני - a Mitzvah of the tzibbur - for the public need - is different. For that purpose it is permitted.

Our daf ends... Who is qualified to serve as the 10th PERSON in a יימון of ten נשים ועבדים וקמנים אין מזמנים עליהם מעשה ברבי אליעזר May שנכנם לבית הכנסת complete ולא מצא עשרה the מנין ושחרר if he is עבדו the 10th! he was only the 9th! Although there is an איסור of לעולם בהם תעבודו However מצוה דרבים שאני For the public need is different

Another such ruling is - תשעה נראין כעשרה מצטרפין - that when nine people are gathered together in a way that makes it appear as though there are ten people present, it is considered a valid minyan.

The gemorah also referrs to this as - תשעה וארון מצטרפין









The Gemorah then cites Rabbi Yehoshua be Levi who says that לעולם ישכם אדם לבית הכנסת כדי שיזכה וימנה עם עשרה הראשונים - that those who makes the effort to be among the first ten in shul, are נוטל שכר כנגד כולם - receive a reward equivalent to the entire congregation. Because as the Maharshah explains, כל, - the first ten people cause the Shechinah to dwell among this congregation.

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כדי שיזכה וימנה עם עשרה הראשונים

נוטל שכר

בוטל שכר

כנגד כולם

מהרש"א

כל בי עשרה שכינתא שריא

First 10 people cause the שכינה to dwell in the congregation

Our gemora concludes with רב נחמן teaching us that קטן היודע זימון that even a child may be counted for זימון מא to that even a child may be counted for salong as he knows to who we are making the brocho.





