

1 Our Shiur began with the גמרא continuing a discussion from the previous דף describing the breakdown of various parts of the body with old age, based on פסוקים in קהלת. By way of several stories, the gemara describes the following:

Hair becomes white, the voice becomes weaker, teeth are lost, and walking becomes difficult even with a cane.

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BREAKDOWN of various body parts with old age

based on... קהלת in פסוקים

HAIR Becomes white	VOICE Becomes weak	TEETH Are lost	WALKING Becomes difficult <i>Even with a cane</i>
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2 Later on the גמרא speaks about the breakdown of a person's ability to sleep through some noise, his ability to digest food and his ability to hear. Things that seemed like minor obstacles and close distances when a person was young begin to appear like major obstacles and great distances.

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Ability to...

- ~ Sleep through some noise
- ~ Digest food
- ~ Hear

Minor things begin to appear like major obstacles and great distances

3 The גמרא gives dietary advice for older people - chewing food well aids digestion and will allow for an extra bounce in your step, solid foods are good for people under 40 and liquids are good for people over 40.

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DIETARY ADVICE for older people

Chewing food well aids digestion...&
Adds extra bounce in your step

SOLID FOODS Good for people UNDER 40	LIQUIDS Good for people OVER 40
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4 Parenthetically, the גמרא mentions an exchange of insults between a castrated מין and קרחה בן יהושע ר' יהושע who was bald, where בן יהושע identified three positive things in life that the מין didn't have:
 -1- הדרת פנים זקן - a face's glory is its beard.
 -2- שמחת לב אשה - a wife is the joy of the heart.
 -3- נחלת ה' בנים - children are the heritage bequeathed by Hashem.

Exchange of insults...
 Between a
Castrated מין & **ר' יהושע בן קרחה Who was BALD**

ר' יהושע בן קרחה

3 positive things in life the מין didn't have

1st	2nd	3rd
הדרת פנים זקן A face's glory is its BEARD	שמחת לב אשה A WIFE is the joy of the heart	נחלת ה' בנים CHILDREN are the heritage bequeathed by Hashem

5 Old age can have different effects on different people:
 ברזילי הגלעדי said that after the age of 80 a person cannot taste food well, but
 אמתא דבי רבי - the maid in Rebbe's house was able to taste food at the age of 92.
 The Gemara answers that ברזילי deteriorated more rapidly in old age, because he was שטוף בזמה, steeped in immorality.

Different effects of OLD AGE

ברזילי הגלעדי But... **אמתא דבי רבי**

After 80 one can't taste as well

Tasted food at the age of 92

Deteriorated rapidly, because...
He was שטוף בזמה
 Steeped in immorality

6 תניא ר' ישמעאל ברבי יוסף אומר תלמידי חכמים כל זמן שמזקינין חכמה נתוספת בהם -
 When תלמידי חכמים get older they get wiser, but
 עמי הארץ כל זמן שמזקינין טפשות נתוספת בהן -
 When עמי הארץ get older they become more foolish.

תניא: ר' ישמעאל ברבי יוסף אומר

עמי הארץ	תלמידי חכמים
כל זמן שמזקינין טפשות נתוספת בהן אני כאן get more FOOLISH	כל זמן שמזקינין חכמה נתוספת בהם תלמידי חכמים get WISER

7 The second half of the דף discusses what happens after a person's death:

- כל צדיק וצדיק נותנין לו מדור לפי כבודו
Every צדיק gets a place in the World to Come befitting his honor - similar to servants of a king who all arrive through the same gate of a city but are each given different accommodations.

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**כל צדיק וצדיק
נותנין לו מדור לפי כבודו**
Every צדיק gets a place
in the World to Come
befitting his honor
*Similar to servants of the KING
given different accommodations*

8 - נפשו של אדם מתאבל עליו כל שבעה
A person's soul mourns him for seven days after death. Therefore, if the deceased had no relatives, we should gather a Minyan of people during the Shiva to sit in the place where the person died.

When ר' יהודה did this, the deceased appeared to him in a dream and said;
- תנוח דעתך שהנחת את דעתי
Your mind should be at ease because you set my mind at ease.

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**נפשו של אדם
מתאבל עליו כל שבעה**
A person's soul
mourns him for
seven days

Therefore...
**A Minyan should gather
during the Shiva
where the person died**
ר' יהודה did this, and...
The deceased appeared in a dream saying:
תנוח דעתך שהנחת את דעתי
**Your mind should be at ease
because you set my mind at ease**

9 The Gemara continues;
The Posuk in קהלת which states;
והרוח תשוב אל האלקים אשר נתנה - is saying;
- תנא לך - Return to Hashem in a state of טהרה - purity, as it was given to you. Just like a king who entrusts people with his royal clothing will reward those who return the clothing clean and punish those who return it soiled, Hashem rewards those who return pure נשמות and punishes those who don't.

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**אמר רבי אבהו...
כל שאומרים בפני המת יודע**
**The deceased are aware
of what is said before them**
**חד אמר עד
שיתעכל הבשר**
*Until the flesh
decomposes*
**חד אמר עד
שיסתם הגולל**
*Until the coffin
is closed*

10 The Gemara continues;
The Posuk in קהלת which states;
והרוח תשוב אל האלקים אשר נתנה - is saying;
טהרה in a state of purity, as it was given to you. Just like a king who entrusts people with his royal clothing will reward those who return the clothing clean and punish those who return it soiled, Hashem rewards those who return pure נשמות and punishes those who don't.

10 קהלת in פסוק

והרוח תשוב אל האלקים אשר נתנה

תנא לו כמו שנתנה לך

Return your נשמה in the same state of purity as it was given

Just like a king...

Rewards those who return the royal clothing clean	Punishes those who return the royal clothing dirty
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...Hashem rewards those who return pure נשמה

11 The Gemara discusses what happens to the נשמות of רשעים and צדיקים and בינונים:
נשמתן של צדיקים גנוזות תחת כסא הכבוד - The souls of צדיקים are hidden under Hashem's throne.
רבי אבהו explained to a צדוקי that even so, the בעל אוב was able to bring back the נשמה of שמואל because within 12 months of death the נשמה has not yet reached its final resting place.

11 What happens to the נשמות of...

צדיקים רשעים בינונים

נשמתן של צדיקים גנוזות תחת כסא הכבוד Are hidden under Hashem's throne

רבי אבהו Explained to a צדוקי The בעל אוב retrieved the נשמה of הנביא שמואל

Within 12 months the נשמה hasn't reached its final resting place

12 - ושל רשעים זוממות והולכות - The souls of רשעים are locked up forever and two מלאכים stand at two ends of the world and throw the נשמה to each other.

12 ושל רשעים זוממות והולכות Are locked up forever

Two מלאכים stand at the ends of the world and throw the נשמה to each other

13 מלאך explained that the נשמות of בינונים are handed over to the מלאך named דומה just like the נשמות of רשעים, except the נשמות of בינונים will eventually have rest.

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שמואל

בינונים נשמות
Are handed over to the מלאך named דומה
Just like the רשעים

EXCEPT... they will eventually have rest!

14 רב מרי taught based on a פסוק in קהלת - עתידים צדיקים דהוו עפרא - Even the bodies of צדיקים become dust.

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רב מרי

Based on a...
 קהלת in פסוק
עתידים צדיקים דהוו עפרא
Even the bodies of צדיקים become DUST

15 The Gemara relates that a digger once uncovered the grave of רב אחאי בר יאשיה, and found his body intact.
 He called ר' נחמן, who asked רב אחאי בר יאשיה why his body did not decompose. He answered, that the Posuk in משלי states; ורקב עצמות קנאה - Envy is what causes the rotting of the bones.

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A digger uncovered the grave of רב אחאי בר יאשיה, his body was intact

רב אחאי בר יאשיה... asked ר' נחמן... Why his body didn't decompose?

רב אחאי בר יאשיה... ורקב עצמות קנאה Envy causes rotting of the bones!



16 כל מי שיש לו קנאה בלבו עצמותיו מרקיבים כל שאין לו קנאה בלבו אין עצמותיו מרקיבים -
 Only people who have envy in their hearts, do their bones decompose after death, and not those who did not have any envy during their lifetime.
 Although the פסוק in חומש says עפר תשוב ואל עפר אתה - people are dust and will return to the dust, for those who never had any jealousy this will only happen a moment before תחיית המתים.

16 כל מי שיש לו קנאה בלבו
 עצמותיו מרקיבים
 כל שאין לו קנאה בלבו
 אין עצמותיו מרקיבים

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Only envious people decompose!

Although the פסוק says...

כי עפר אתה ואל עפר תשוב
 People **MUST** return to the dust

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Those who never had any jealousy...

This will happen
 a moment before תחיית המתים

