

1 תנו רבנן שותה כפלים דמו בראשו - One who drinks pairs is taking his life in his own hands. The גמרא clarifies that if he goes outside in between cups there is no danger.

2 The גמרא also qualifies; ולא אמרן אלא ביוצא לדרך - Drinking pairs is only dangerous when a person is about to go out on the road, or go to sleep or to the bathroom, but if he is staying home there is no danger in drinking pairs.

3 However, the גמרא asks; ובביתו לא? - We know that, רבא, רבא, רבא, רבא were all very careful to avoid drinking pairs even when at home?

4 The גמרא answers; אדם חשוב שאני - A prominent person must avoid pairs even at home, because he is more susceptible to danger - as the Rashbam explains; דמסרי שדים נפשייהו לאזוקי - The demons try to harm them at all costs.

1 תנו רבנן... 

שותה כפלים דמו בראשו
One who drinks PAIRS takes his life in his own hands

If he goes outside between cups there is no danger

2 **ולא אמרן... אלא ביוצא לדרך**

Drinking pairs is only dangerous when...

Going out on the ROAD

▶ **Going to SLEEP**

▶ **Or to the BATHROOM**

If he's staying home there's NO danger!

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ובביתו לא?
We know that...

רבא • אב"י • ורב נחמן בר יצחק
Avoided drinking pairs EVEN AT HOME?

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אדם חשוב שאני!
A prominent person is more susceptible to danger



רש"ם

דמסרי שדים נפשייהו לאזוקי
Demons try to harm them at all costs!



5 The Gemara quotes several opinions about which numbers of cups of wine are immune from concerns for זוגות:

6 אין בהם משום זוגות - There is no concern of זוגות with drinking 10 cups, since we see that the חכמים instituted the practice of drinking 10 cups of wine in a house of mourning. The Rashbam adds that עולה means that there is no concern with 10 or more. The Maharsha gives 2 reasons for the amount of ten: -1- Ten is considered to be one unit of ten. -2- עשירי הוא קודש בכל מקום - Ten is associated with many holy things. The concern is only with drinking 2, 4, 6 or 8 cups.

7 רבה בר רב הונא and רב חסדא hold that there is no concern of זוגות with drinking 8 cups, because the 3rd Posuk of ברכת כהנים reads וישם לך שלום - And the 7th cup corresponds to the word שלום, and מצטרף לרעה - It only counts for the good, not for the bad - in other words - It only counts to make for an odd number, but does not count to make for an even number. Therefore, it is considered as if he drank 7 כוסות, not 8. However, there is concern with drinking 2, 4 or 6 cups.

5 WHICH NUMBER OF CUPS OF WINE ARE IMMUNE FROM זוגות

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אמר עולה
עשרה כוסות
אין בהם משום זוגות
NO CONCERN OF זוגות
DRINKING 10 CUPS

We see the חכמים instituted drinking 10 CUPS of wine in a house of mourning

רש"ם
Adds...
There's no concern with 10 or more

gives 2 reasons for 10:
1 TEN is considered ONE UNIT of 10 2 עשירי הוא קודש בכל מקום

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רבה בר רב הונא & רב חסדא
THERE'S NO CONCERN OF זוגות
DRINKING 8 CUPS

The 3rd פסוק of ברכת כהנים reads

7 6 5 4 3 2 1
וְיִשָּׂא ה' פְּנֵיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיִשֶּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

7th cup
לרעה שלום לטובה
אֵל מִצְטָרֵף מִצְטָרֵף

Not for BAD For an even number Counts for GOOD For an odd number
It's considered as if he drank 7 כוסות, NOT 8

However...
There IS concern with 2, 4 or 6 cups





8 רב ויוסף and רבה hold that there is no concern of זוגות even with drinking 6 cups, because the 2nd Posuk of ברכת כהנים reads יאר ה' פניו אליך ויחנך - And the 5th cup corresponds to the word ויחנך, and ויחנך מצטרף לרעה לא מצטרף - It only counts for the good, not for the bad - and it's as if he drank 5 cups, not 6. However, there is concern with drinking 2 or 4 cups.

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רב יוסף & רבה

THERE'S NO CONCERN OF זוגות EVEN DRINKING 6 CUPS

The 3rd ברכת כהנים פסוק reads

5 4 3 2 1

יאר ה' פניו אליך ויחנך

5th cup

לרעה מצטרף

Not for BAD

ויחנך לטובה מצטרף

Counts for GOOD

As if he drank 5 כוסות, NOT 6

However... There IS concern with 2 or 4 cups

9 רבא and אביי hold that there is no concern of זוגות even with drinking 4 cups, because the 1st Posuk of ברכת כהנים reads יברכך ה' וישמרך - And the 3rd cup corresponds to the word וישמרך, and וישמרך מצטרף לרעה לא מצטרף - It only counts for the good, not for the bad - and it's as if he drank 3 cups, not 4. The only concern of זוגות is with drinking 2 cups.

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רבא & אביי

THERE'S NO CONCERN OF זוגות EVEN DRINKING 4 CUPS

The 1st ברכת כהנים פסוק reads

3 2 1

יברכך ה' וישמרך

3rd cup

לרעה מצטרף

Not for BAD

וישמרך לטובה מצטרף

Counts for GOOD

As if he drank 3 כוסות, NOT 4

The ONLY concern is drinking 2 cups





10 The Gemara relates that based on his opinion, רבא would often send off the Rabbis on the road after giving them four cups to drink, and the one time that a person got hurt, רבא attributed it to the person's embarrassing רבא publicly by challenging him during a Shiur, and not to the even number of cups that he drank.

10 THE גמרא RELATES
Based on his opinion...

רבא

Would send Rabbis on the road after giving them 4 cups

The one time that a person got hurt, רבא attributed it to the person's embarrassing רבא publicly by challenging him during a שיור!

11 Later in the דף the גמרא says that all even numbers are dangerous in places where sorceresses are around.

11 Later the גמרא says...

ALL even numbers are dangerous IN PLACES where SORCERESSES are around!

12 The גמרא goes on to report statements of יוסף שידא - Yosef the demon - that were told to different אמוראים:

12 STATEMENTS OF

יוסף שידא

YOSEF THE DEMON

13 אמר רב יוסף אמר לי יוסף שידא אשמדאי מלכא דשידא ממונה הוא זוגי - That אכולהו זוגי the king of the demons is in charge of זוגות. There are two versions of what Yosef the demon meant to say: Either that a king would generally not cause harm, and we therefore don't have to be that concerned about זוגות, or that as a king, he has lots of freedom to cause harm and we should be quite concerned about זוגות.

13 אמר רב יוסף אמר לי יוסף שידא אשמדאי מלכא דשידא ממונה הוא אכולהו זוגי KING of the demons is in charge of זוגות

2 versions of what he meant to say:

a KING WOULD GENERALLY NOT cause harm <i>We therefore don't have to be concerned about זוגות</i>	a KING HAS LOT OF FREEDOM TO cause harm <i>We should be quite concerned about זוגות</i>
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14 אמר רב פפא אמר לי יוסף שידא – Rav Papa reported that יוסף the demon told him that demons will KILL somebody who drinks TWO cups of wine, either INTENTIONALLY OR INADVERTANTLY, but would only HARM somebody who drinks FOUR cups INTENTIONALLY.

14 אמר רב פפא אמר לי יוסף שידא
The demon told him

DEMONS

Will KILL someone who drinks TWO cups of WINE Intentionally Or Inadvertantly

Will HARM someone who drinks FOUR cups of WINE Intentionally Only

15 He also taught him that in order to defeat a demon a person should put each thumb in the other hand and continue to declare that he and the demon are an odd number until the demon leaves him alone.

15 He also taught him

TO DEFEAT A DEMON

Put each thumb in the other hand and continue to declare **HE AND THE DEMON ARE AN ODD NUMBER!** Until the demon leaves him alone

16 After reporting whether different אמוראים were concerned about זוגות, the גמרא concludes; כללא דמילתא כל דקפיד קפדי בהדיה ודלא קפיד לא קפדי בהדיה – The general rule is that זוגות only affect people who are concerned about them. ומיהו לביחש מיבעי – However, everybody should at least be mildly concerned about זוגות.

16 THE גמרא CONCLUDES

כללא דמילתא

כל דקפיד קפדי בהדיה ודלא קפיד לא קפדי בהדיה

only affect people who are CONCERNED about them

ומיהו לביחש מיבעי

Everybody should at least be mildly concerned!



17 The דף concludes with several statements about which items are susceptible to זוגות.

רב דימי said that only eggs, walnuts, cucumbers and one other type of food are susceptible to זוגות, but since we don't know the identity of that last type of food we are always concerned for זוגות.

17 Which items are susceptible to זוגות

רב דימי

EGGS • WALNUTS • CUCUMBERS
& one other type of food

Are susceptible to זוגות

Since we don't know the identity of that last type of food we are ALWAYS concerned for זוגות

18 כל שגמרו בידי אדם אין בהן משום זוגות; רב עירא taught; Anything completed by human hands, like cooked dishes and loaves of bread, are not subject to זוגות.

18 **רב עירא**

כל שגמרו בידי אדם
אין בהן משום זוגות

Anything completed by human hands like cooked dishes and loaves of bread

Are NOT susceptible to זוגות

19 Drinking in an even number of stores, or drinking more after thinking you are finished drinking, or guests or regular (חשוב-non) women drinking do not cause concerns for זוגות.

19 Drinking...

- In EVEN number of stores
- After thinking you're FINISHED
- By GUESTS
- By REGULAR women *חשוב-non*

Do NOT cause concerns for זוגות

20 רב יוסף says that two cups of wine do not combine with one cup of beer, but two cups of beer do combine with one cup of wine.

20 **רב יוסף**

2 cups of WINE	2 cups of BEER
do NOT combine with 1 cup of BEER	DO combine with 1 cup of WINE





21 Similarly, רב נחמן אמר רב says that two cups before the meal and one at the meal combine, but one before the meal and two at the meal do not combine, and the two at the meal become a problem of זוגות. Everybody agrees that two cups at the meal do not combine with one cup AFTER the meal.

21 *Similarly...*
רב נחמן אמר רב

<i>TWO cups</i>	<i>ONE cup</i>
<i>BEFORE the meal</i>	<i>BEFORE the meal</i>
<i>and ONE</i>	<i>and TWO</i> <i>אסור</i>
<i>AT the meal</i>	<i>AT the meal</i>
COMBINE	DON'T COMBINE

Everybody agrees...
TWO cups - AT the meal
do NOT combine with
ONE cup - AFTER the meal

22 אמר רב יהודה אמר שמואל כל המזוג מצטרף - different types of mixed drinks combine with each other for זוגות even though normally only two of the same item are a problem of זוגות.

22 **רב יהודה אמר שמואל**

Different types of mixed drinks
COMBINE for זוגות

Even though normally
ONLY two of the same item
are a problem of זוגות

23 There is a מחלוקת whether a mixture of cold and hot water combines with other mixed drinks.

23 **מחלוקת**

Whether a mixture of hot & cold water
COMBINES with other mixed drinks

