

Bava Basra – Simanim

פרק א - השותפין

דף טז – Daf 16

1. שטן ופנינה לשם שמים נתכוונו

Continuing the discussion of the *Satan's* actions in the story of Iyov, Reish Lakish says: הוא שטן הוא יצר – *He is the Prosecutor, he is the Evil Inclination, and he is the Angel of Death*, which he derives from *pesukim* in Iyov. Rebbe Levi said: שטן ופנינה לשם שמים נתכוונו – *The intentions of Satan and Peninah were for the sake of Heaven*. When the *Satan* saw that Hashem favored Iyov, the *Satan* said: חס ושלום מינשי ליה לרחמנותיה דאברהם – *"G-d forbid that He will forget the love of Avraham,"* and so he asked to test Iyov's loyalty. Regarding Peninah's taunting of her co-wife Chana, the *passuk* says: וכעסתה – *and her co-wife angered her repeatedly, to upset her about her childlessness, to encourage her to daven for a child*. Rav Acha bar Yaakov taught this in Papunia, and the *Satan* came and kissed his foot.

2. The birth of a daughter, and the meaning of Hashem blessing Avraham "בכל"

The *passuk* describes the birth of daughters with "לרוב" – *to propagate*. Rebbe Yochanan says: רביה באה – *meribah* – *propagation came to the world with the birth of daughters*. Reish Lakish says: מריבה באה לעולם – *conflict came to the world*. A daughter was born to Rebbe Shimon bar Rebbe, and he was disheartened. His father Rebbe told him "רביה באה לעולם", but Bar Kappara told him: תנחומין של הבל ניחמך אבוך – *your father has given you worthless comfort*, because a Baraisa says that although the world cannot exist without males and females, אמי – *but fortunate is he whose children are males*, and לו למי שבניו נקבות – *and woe to him whose children are females*.

This is the subject of a *machlokes* Tannaim. A Baraisa discusses the *passuk*: וה' ברך את אברהם בכל – *And Hashem blessed Avraham with "everything."* Rebbe Meir explains: שלא היתה לו בת – *that he did not have a daughter*. Rebbe Yehudah says: שהיתה לו בת – *that he did have a daughter*. Others say: בת היתה לו – *Avraham had a daughter, and her name was "Bakol."* Rebbe Elazar the Moda'i says that Avraham was an expert in astrology, and all the kings of the east and west would come early to his door for guidance. Rebbe Shimon ben Yochai says a precious stone hung from Avraham's neck, and any ill person who looked at it was immediately cured.

3. Eisav's rebellion after Avraham's passing, Yishmael's repentance during Avraham's lifetime

Another interpretation is given of Avraham's being blessed with "everything": שלא מרד עשו בימינו – *that Eisav did not rebel in his lifetime*. The *passuk* hinting to Eisav's rebellion is written in the incident of Yaakov preparing a stew of lentils, which was to comfort his father Yitzchak, whose father Avraham had passed away that day. Rebbe Yochanan said: חמש עבירות עבר אותו רשע באותו היום – *that wicked man Eisav committed five sins on that day of Avraham's passing: he had relations with a מאורסה, he murdered someone, he was כופר בעיקר, he denied תחיית המתים, and he demeaned the בכורה*. These are all *darshened* from the *passuk*: ויבא עשו מן השדה והוא עיף – *and Eisav came in from the field, and he was weary*. Another interpretation: שעשה ישמעאל תשובה בימינו – *that Yishmael repented in [Avraham's] lifetime*. This is based on the principle that the words "גויעה" and "אסיפה" (gathering) refer to the death of a צדיק, and these terms are written regarding Yishmael. Rebbe Yochanan added that the *passuk* implies that Yishmael, the older brother, allowed Yitzchak to go first when burying Avraham.

Siman – Toes (Acrobat with large toes)

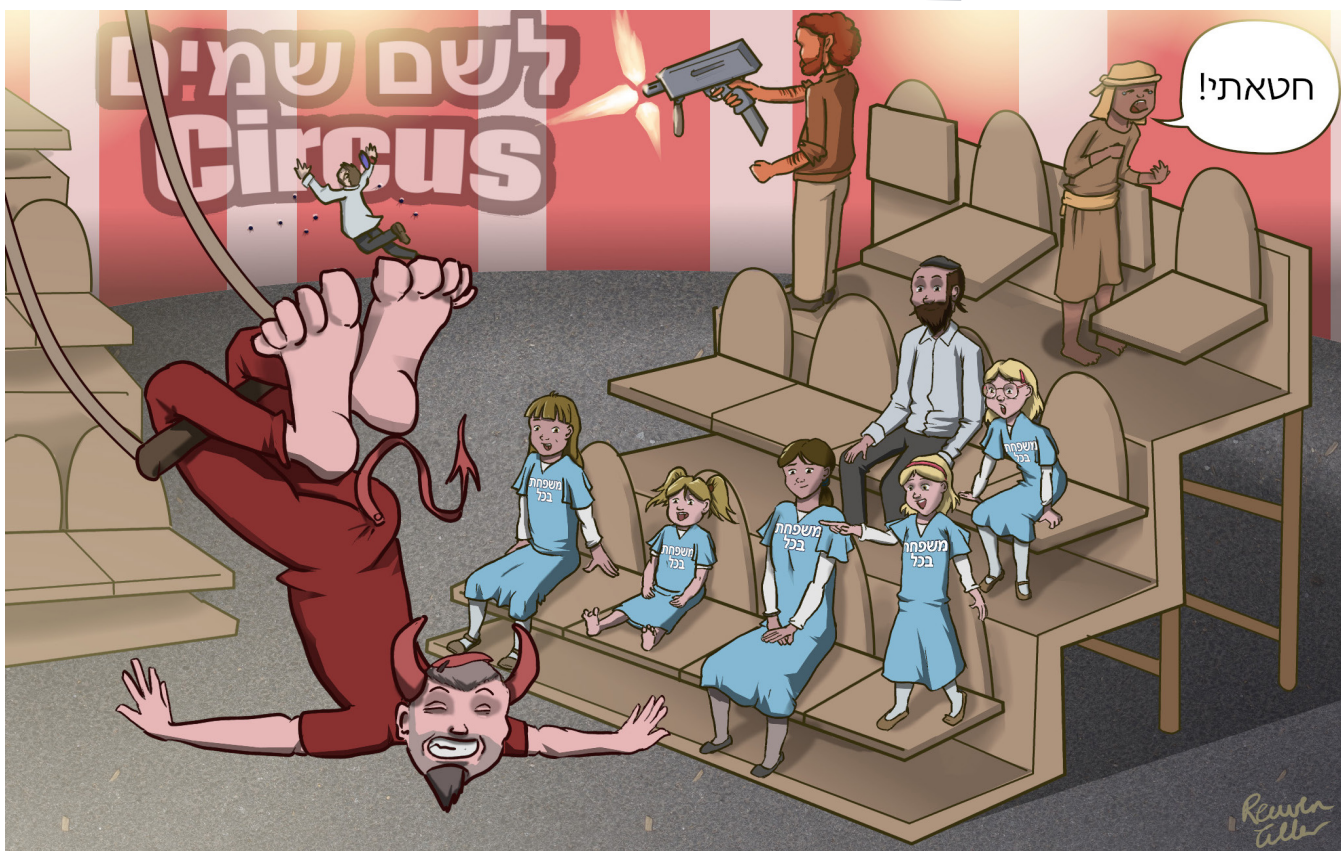
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3 things to remember

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