



לע"נ ברוך בענדיט וברכה גרוס ע"ה
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Points to Ponder

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

THE FOURTH PEREK OF YEVIKOS IS DEDICATED:

לע"נ ר' שלמה זלמן בן ר' חנוך הכהן עהרנטרייא ■ לע"נ דוד בן יצחק איסאק

יבמות דף מז

1. The גמרא says that if someone comes claiming that he converted in private (ביני וביני) (עצמי) we ask him if he has any witnesses. How can he bring witnesses that saw him doing it alone and by himself?
2. Further to the above, the גמרא says that if he has children he is believed about his children but if he has grandchildren he is not believed. Although he only has children now, wouldn't our believing him regarding the children automatically effect his future grandchildren?
3. The גמרא says that if a non Jew comes to convert we must tell him about various Mitzvos including lenient ones. (קלות). It's easy to understand how difficult Mitzvos may discourage a potential convert, but why tell him about the easy ones?
4. When warning a potential גר about the מצות we include telling him about עון לקט שחכה ופאה. Rashi explains that if the גר sees someone collecting in the field they may mistake him for a thief and kill them. Why than does the גמרא use the word עון? What we are telling him is that the person has a right to collect and is not a thief. It should says מצות לקט שחכה ופאה.

5. When a גר has מילה the גמרא says that we go back to fix it if there are pieces of skin remaining that should have been removed. Why is this different than any ברית? Isn't it always the case that an incomplete ברית needs to be fixed?

6. תוס' says that if a pregnant lady converted her newborn son should need מילה before טבילה, and asks why we say that the mother's טבילה is enough for both. Why would the child need טבילה if he is born to a Jewish mother? (Her conversion took place before he was born).

7. Naomi warned רות about converting and included the fact that Jews are prohibited from עבודה זרה. Even without conversion a גוי is אסור in עבודה זרה?

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