



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

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

THE FOURTH PEREK OF YEVAMOS IS DEDICATED:

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

יבמות דף מז

1. According to ר"ש בן אלעזר a person who captured a יפת תואר and she doesn't want to convert, he can force her to become a slave and than free her as a full Jew. Rashi says that the טבילת שחרור which also makes her a regular גיורת is also done against her will. Since he is anyway forcing her, why not force her to become a Jew in one step rather than becoming a שפחה and than freeing her?
2. Further to the above, ר"ש בן אלעזר says that one can marry a Yefat Tohar immediately after טבילה. Since she is not Jewish, shouldn't he need to wait 3 months prior to marrying her for הבחנה?
3. דלא שייכא במצות says that רבנן only argue by a יפת תואר because שייך במצות as opposed to an עבד who is שייך במצות. Rashi explains that we are talking about an עבד who has been with him a few days and observed the מצות which are relevant to a slave. In such circumstances whereby the slave is observing Mitzvos, a יפת תאר would also qualify for טבילה right-away even according to רבנן?
4. The Gemara brings the opinions of רבי אליעזר & רבי עקיבא regarding what a יפת תואר does with her nails, and than brings another מחלוקת regarding ובכתה את אביה and מחלוקת regarding ואת אמה. Are these two subjects related with regards to their מחלוקת? Is this related to our previous discussion regarding converting a יפת תאר?

5. An עבד who doesn't want a ברית can remain in this state for 12 months. What would be the case with a שפחה? Why do we give him 12 months? By יפת תאר we give her 30 days?

6. The Gemara says that מצות בני 7 גרים בזמן הזה suffer because they didn't fulfill the מצות בני 7. Why are we focusing on them separately from everyone else? We learnt earlier that part of the warning to a potential convert is that we as Jews are currently suffering as a group, and if he joins us, he would share our fate.

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