



Points to Ponder

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

THE SIXTH PEREK OF YEVAMOS IS DEDICATED:

לע"נ גרשון בן החבר מרדכי

יבמות דף סג

1. גמרא says that a one who doesn't have קרקע is not a אדם, which implies that it's very important for a person's completeness to own property. Yet later on the גמרא says אין לך אומנות פחותה מן הקרקע, which means that it's the lowest type of profession. How do we reconcile these two statements? (Other than תוספות).
2. רבי יוסי asked אליהו to explain to him why a wife is called a עזר. He answered him that a man brings home raw materials for food and clothing, and his wife turns them into edible food and wearable clothing. Didn't he know that this is what happens in a typical home?
3. Every time that the world experiences a tragedy it is because of ישראל. Why would Hashem punish the גוים because of ישראל? If they didn't merit a punishment they should not be punished for us?
4. The Gemara tells a story about Rav's wife always doing the opposite of what he asked her to do. When his son was old enough to realize what was happening he started telling her the opposite of what his father requested, and this way, when she did the opposite his father got what he really wanted. Rav realized what was going on and told him to stop lying to his mother. Rashi says that although he didn't want his son to continue, he started doing the same thing himself. Why would it be okay for him to lie, if it wasn't inappropriate for his son?

5. It is permissible to lie מפני השלום, why did רב tell his son to stop, since he was doing it for the sake of שלום בית?

6. The גמרא tells us us that in ארץ ישראל they would ask a new חתן about his wife to know if he was מוצא or מוצא. What was the purpose of asking him?

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