



Points to Ponder

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

THE EIGHTH PEREK OF YEVIKOS IS DEDICATED:

לזכר נשמת שלמה בן יהושע והחבר דוד בן החבר מרדכי

יבמות דף פ

1. The Gemara tells us that one can tell if someone is a סריס from birth. It then asks why we are not concerned that he healed in between his birth and now. This would potentially effect a יבמה who would otherwise not need anything. Since he was born a סריס, why don't we leave him on the חזקה that nothing changed? (And not need the Gemara's answer that it cannot be).
2. The Gemara says that someone who is 20 years old and didn't bring שתי שערות he is considered a סריס. Isn't this contradicting (פ ע"ב) רב הונא who defines a סריס as עד שיהיו בו כולם?
3. Are סימני סריס a sign of maturity?
4. According to רב who says that he becomes a גדול למפרע when he displays סימני סריס, what would be his position regarding שתי שערות? Would he say that an 18 year old who has שתי שערות is a גדול למפרע?

5. שמואל argues and says that he does not become a גדול למפרע. Is he agreeing with the basic premise that he is a גדול, but argues on the concept of something becoming retroactive or does he argue on the סימני סריס being a sign of prior maturity?

6. The גמרא says that a baby can stay in the womb up to 12 months, and brings a ראיה from רשב"ג who says that any baby who survived 30 days is not a נפל. How are these 2 things connected? It's possible that a baby will stay 30 days past 7 months, but not past 9 months?

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