



Points to Ponder

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

יבמות דף צח

1. The גמרא says that twins must come from one drop which split into two. This means that its not possible that two people fathered the 2 children where each one contributed one drop. The גמרא earlier on יב דף says that a pregnant lady who lives with her husband runs the risk of becoming pregnant with an additional child, so we see that it doesn't have to be one drop splitting?
2. Rashi כוכבים עובד כשהוא ד"ה writes that he married her when he was a גוי and didn't live with her after converting. Since the marriage of a גוי ends when he converts, why would it make a difference if he lived with her? Did she convert as well?
3. When a גר was who married his sister in law was asked who permitted her to him, he answered by quoting 2 things that רבי עקיבא said. Why would he mention the story of נינוה which is completely irrelevant to the question?
4. A תלמיד חכם who testified about a הלכה that he himself needs is not believed. Is This because we don't trust one עד and suspect that he is lying, or are we concerned that he is making a mistake?
5. On the משנה of five women whose children got mixed up, the גמרא says that its better if each brother marries one יבמה because this way it's possible that he will be מוקיים מצות יבום if he married his brother's widow. Wouldn't it be better if one brother married all of them, because this way he will definitely be מוקיים a Mitzva?

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