



Points to Ponder

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

יבמות דף קה

1. The גמרא says that a ריקה is פוסל because of a גזירה that people may permit a חלוצה to marry one of the brothers. Why aren't we concerned about her going out and marrying again, thinking that this חליצה was valid and released her from the זיקה?
2. If a lady did the spitting before the חליצה we don't have her do it again because we are concerned that people will assume that the first spitting was invalid and will let a lady who only spit marry one of the brothers. Since she is only פסול מדרבנן if she only did ריקה why are we making a לגזירה לגזירה?
3. The גמרא says that אביי lived 20 years longer than רבה because he did תורה וגמילות חסדים. Does this mean that רבה didn't do חסדים?
4. Since the גמרא says that a גזר דין that was accompanied by a שבועה can't be reversed how does learning תורה help? What happened with the שבועה?

5. The גמרא says that a קטנה is able to do חליצה. Why aren't we concerned that she may turn out to be an אילנית and is not able to be חולץ?

6. The גמרא says that אבדן developed צרעת and lost 2 sons, etc. רש"י writes that he was punished with צרעת because of הרע לשון. Why did he also lose his 2 sons?

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