



Points to Ponder

הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

יבמות דף קי"ז

1. Is the מחולקת of בית שמאי and בית הלל, regarding her נאמנות for ממון, or is it only regarding the extent of the משום עיגונא? If it's because we suspect an ulterior motive, how does רב חסדא compare a case of יבום whereby she doesn't get the נחלה at all?
2. The גמרא discusses a case where a woman came and told us that her husband died and asked בית דין to remarry and collect her כתובה, is she believed because her main focus is to remarry, or since she is also asking for money, maybe that her motivation. The גמרא says that it's a תיקו. Does this mean that she can remarry but not collect the כתובה or she can't remarry either, because we don't believe her מספק?
3. The משנה lists 5 women who are not believed to testify on behalf of their woman relative. Do we not believe them at all, and she remains אשת איש, or is it a פסק given their testimony. It would make a difference, for her continuing to eat תרומה if she is married to a כהן, among other things.
4. Further to the above, is the reason why we don't believe these 5 women based only on their hatred, and their desire to take revenge, or is only in a case where they would derive a personal benefit from the testimony. For example if we have 2 witnesses that her husband died, would she be believed that her father in law died.

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