



Inside the Daf

What do you do if you want to walk farther than your 2,000 אַמוֹת (cubits) limit on the Sabbath or Festivals? You make an עֵירוּב תְּחוּמִין (joining of boundaries). This means you place food within your 2,000 אַמוֹת limit and this allows you to walk

another 2,000 אַמוֹת farther from where you put the food.

We have learned that one's possessions, including one's food, may only be taken wherever its owner can go on the Sabbath and Festivals.

Our מִשְׁנָה brings a case where a man had guests over from another city on a Festival.

The other city is more than 2,000 אַמוֹת away, but his guests were careful to make an before the Festival began, allowing them to travel to the man's home. So the guests may

travel to the man's home, but the man may not travel to his guests' home. This also means, the man's *food* may not travel to his guests' home. This means that if there are leftovers at the end of the meal, the guests may not take the food back to their home. If the guests *own* the food, however, then it is their possession and it may go wherever the guests may go on the Sabbath and on Festivals.

This situation once happened to עֵירוּב תְּחוֹמִין made an עֵירוּב תְּחוֹמִין so he could travel to a nearby town for a Festival. In this town, butchers gave him meat before a Festival began. He hung the meat on the bolt of his door. When the Festival began he wanted to take the meat back home with him. He had a question: Was the meat his, and therefore he could take it back with him, or did the meat belong to the butchers so he could not take it back.

The רָב חָנִילָאי concludes that רַב חָנִילָאי would be allowed to take the meat home.

Where-Can-the-Fruits-Go?

If fruit is given to someone on a Festival to look does not want his fruit to have someone after, where can the fruit be taken? Does it follow the תחום of its owner and

may be taken only where the owner may go, or does it follow the תחום of the watchman?

The answer to this question is a debate between מ and רב. שמואל says the fruit follows the תחום of the watchman. After all, the watchman accepted the responsibility of watching the fruits. שמואל says it follows the of the owner. This is because a person

else's תחום on the Sabbath and Festivals.

רב הונא says that even בש would agree

that the fruits follow the owner's תחום if the watchman gave the owner a corner in his house to put the fruits so the watchman could look after them. This is as if the

watchman lent that piece of his house to the owner, so the fruits never really left the owner's home and would follow his תחום.

A-חודם Moment

Menachem had been entrusted with watching his baby sister while his parents were out. He was a really good big brother and knew how to take care of his sister really well. That's why his parents were so surprised when they came home to find the infant screaming.

"Menachem," said his mother, "why haven't you done anything about your sister's screaming." "I didn't hear her, Imma," said Menachem. "Honest. I was so absorbed in my Torah learning that I didn't even hear her cry."

"It's good that you take Torah study so seriously, Menachem," said his father, "but you can't become distracted from the important things around you. The אָפֶרָא tells us about ב חַנִּילָאי who was so distracted by his Torah learning he wouldn't have known if his kosher food had been replaced with non-kosher food! You must never let yourself get so distracted you don't notice the important things around you."

Did You Know...

רַב חָנָא בַּר חֲנִילָאי concentrated so hard when he was studying Torah that he wouldn't notice what was going on around him. Once when he found some meat in his room he was concerned it was not kosher because he wouldn't have noticed if a raven replaced the kosher piece of meat with a non-kosher one.

Follow the name רב חָנָא בַּר חֲנִילָאי to find your way out

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Review Questions – ביצה דַף מ'

- 1. When may guests take food back home on a Festival?
- 2. When would בַב agree that fruits do not follow the תחום of the watchman?
- 3. Why did רב חַנָּא בַּר חֲנִילָאי not notice what was going on around him?