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# DAF YOMI4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

We usually don't think of land as being טָהוֹר (pure) or טָמֵא (impure), but today's גְּמָרָא tells us that even land may be impure.

For example, there was a strip of land in ancient Israel that stretched between the lands of יְהוּדָה (Judea) and גָּלִיל (Galilee). This land belonged to the כּוּתִיִּים (Cutheans)\* who were idol-worshipping converts. כּוּתִיִּים were not always careful to mark their burial grounds. Therefore, any area in their land may actually be a burial spot. These unmarked graves may have been plowed over, scattering the bones underneath in all directions. If someone comes into contact with these bones, he becomes טָמֵא. For this reason, the Sages ruled that anyone who goes into the land of the כּוּתִיִּים becomes טָמֵא.

This means that wine and oil from the Galilee may not be used in the בַּיִת הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple). Wine and oil from the Galilee would have to travel through Cuthean territory to reach the Holy Temple in Judea. Since these items become טָמֵא as soon as they enter into Cuthean land, they may not be used in the בַּיִת הַמִּקְדָּשׁ where only טָהוֹר items may be used.



### Did You Know...

In the future, אֵלִיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא (Elijah the Prophet) will mark all the unmarked burial sites in the Cuthean territory of Israel so that items may pass through that territory without becoming טָמֵא (impure, see Inside the Daf).

### כוּתִיִּים Cutheans.

A tribe of idolaters from the land of Cutha who were brought to the land of Israel by Assyrian king, Shalmanesser. They were brought to repopulate the areas of the land which were unpopulated after the exile of the Ten Tribes.

# עם הארץ Giving Food to an

Just like one is not allowed to do an עבירה (sin), so too is one not allowed to help another person sin. Causing another person to sin goes against the Torah's commandment, "לפני עור לא תתן מכשל" "do not put a stumbling block in front of the blind" (ויקרא יט,יד, Lev. 19,14). Not only may one not put a real obstacle in front of someone who cannot see, but one may not help anyone "stumble" by sinning.

An example of causing a fellow Jew to "stumble" is brought in the גמרא. One may not cause טהור (pure) food to become טמא (impure) in the land of Israel. One may therefore not give food to an עם הארץ in the land of Israel since such a person is likely to make food טמא. Giving food to an עם הארץ might cause him to "stumble" and make the food טמא.



## A Moment מְדוּת

"Wow, Noam really helped me with my homework the other day," said Nathan to his friends, Shimon and Yoni. "What a great guy!"

"Nathan," Shimon whispered under his breath after Yoni had left. "Everyone knows Yoni can't stand Noam. Saying something good about a person Yoni doesn't like only tempts him to speak badly about him. This is like 'putting a stumbling block in front of the blind,' by tempting Yoni to sin."

WORD OF THE DAY:

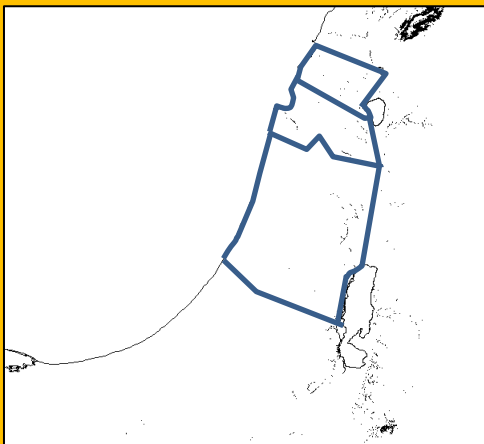
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Read "Inside the Daf." Color the Galilee yellow, the Cuthean territory red and Judea blue!



## Games

### חגיגה דף כ"ה - Review Questions

1. Which strip of land in ancient Israel was טמא (impure)?

2. What commandment does one violate by giving טהור food to an עם הארץ?

3. In the future, what will happen to the unmarked burial spots in Cuthean territory?