

מסכת
נדריים
 דף ע"א

DAF YOMI⁴ Kids

Inside the Daf

If a man dies without children, the Torah says his widow marries his brother. This marriage is called **יבום** (Levirate marriage), the widow is called a **יבמה** and the brother is called a **יבם**.

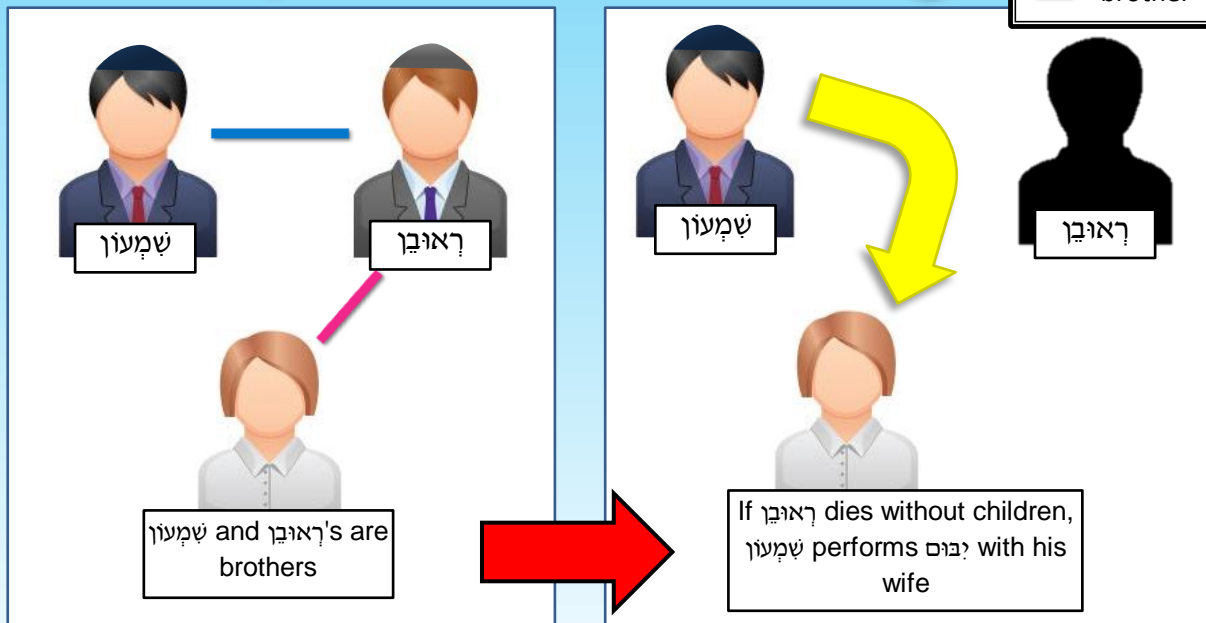
If a widow is waiting for her **יבם** to perform **יבום**, may the **יבם** revoke her vows?

Our **משנה** quotes **רבי אליעזר** who says that the **יבם** may revoke the **יבמה**'s vows. **רבי אליעזר** understands that **יבום** is like **נשואין** (regular, full marriage). Just like a husband may revoke his wife's vows after **נשואין**, so too may he revoke the vows at **יבום**.

רבי עקיבא disagrees. He says a **יבם** may not revoke the vows of a **יבמה** because **יבום** is not like a regular marriage. A regular marriage creates a stronger bond between the husband and wife and so the husband may revoke his wife's vows. **יבום**, on the other hand, is a weaker relationship and the husband may not revoke his wife's vows.

יבום: Levirate Marriage

- wife
- brother



מֵאַמֵּר: The Levirate Pre-Marriage

When a man dies childless, his brother performs יבום (or חליצה) with his brother's widow.

But before he moves in with her to begin living as a husband and wife, the Sages ruled that the יבם must perform a marriage ceremony. This "ceremony" is called מֵאַמֵּר and is very simple. Two witnesses have to see the יבם give the יבמה something worth at least a פרוטה (a small coin used in the times of the משנה).



We have learned (see "Inside the Daf") that רבי אליעזר holds that a יבם may revoke a יבמה's vows. The Talmudic sage רבי אמי says that this is true even if the יבם has only performed מֵאַמֵּר which is not a full יבום relationship. רבי אליעזר holds that מֵאַמֵּר is as strong as יבום itself.



Did You Know...

The great sage, רבן עמיאל, once exclaimed, "Pity on בן עזאי who did not serve [study under] רבי עקיבא!"

A מְדוּתָה Moment

It was the end of the school year. Derek knew he had behaved badly all year in Rabbi Harrimstein's class and he wanted to apologize. It was a hard thing to do but Derek was happy he did it.

"It takes a lot of fortitude to admit you have made a mistake," said Rabbi Harrimstein. "רבן עזאי, one of the greatest sages chastised himself for not having studied under רבי עקיבא. Imagine looking at your life and saying you could have done better!"

Games

Can you make six words from the *daf* using these letters? What other words can you make from the letters?

Mix & Match



נדריים דף ע"ד - Review Questions

1. According to רבי אליעזר, may a יבם revoke the vows of a יבמה?

2. What is מֵאַמֵּר?

3. What did רבן עזאי exclaim?
