

DAF YOMI 4 Kids

מסכת
 יבמות
 דף י"ב

Inside the Daf

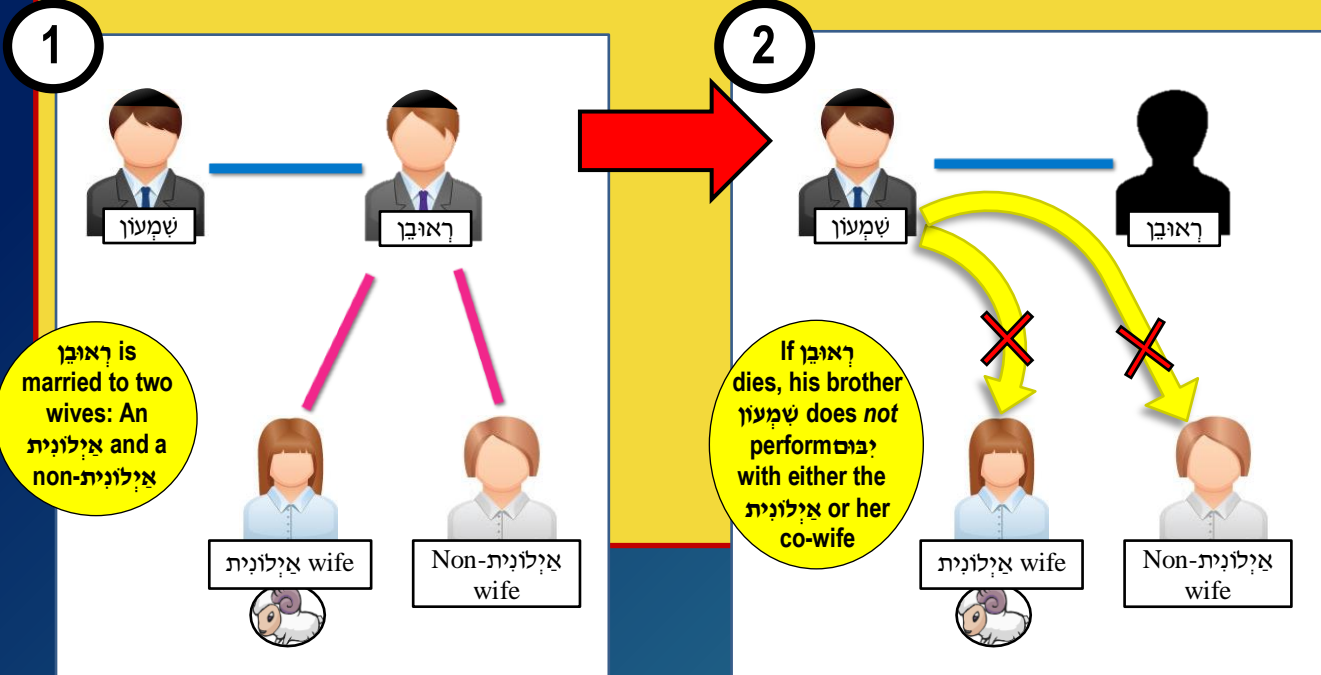
We know that if a man dies without children, his brother is commanded to marry (perform "ביום") the dead man's wife. We also know that there are times when the brother cannot perform ביום with the wife, for example, if the wife is his daughter.

What if the dead man's wife was an אֵילוּנִית? Would the living brother have to perform ביום with her?

The word "אֵילוּנִית" comes from the word, "אֵיל," or, "male ram." An אֵילוּנִית is an adult woman who has grown up to be a full woman and who has strong male features (for example, an unusually deep voice). We assume an אֵילוּנִית is unable to have children. Would one have to perform ביום with such a woman?

רבי אסי points out that one may not perform ביום with such a woman since the purpose of performing ביום is so the wife may "give birth" to a child (see דברים כה, Deut. 25,6), and an אֵילוּנִית is unable to have children.

Not only does one not perform ביום with an אֵילוּנִית, but even if the אֵילוּנִית had a co-wife (that is, the dead man had two wives, an אֵילוּנִית and a non-אֵילוּנִית), the non-אֵילוּנִית co-wife would also not perform ביום with the living brother.



Refusal

If a married couple want to end their marriage, the husband gives the wife a divorce document called a "גֵּט" and their marriage is over.

But if a girl's mother or older brother allowed her to get married before the age of twelve, the Sages made it easier for her to end the marriage. The girl may perform "מֵאוּן", or "refusal." This means that, in front of two witnesses, the girl simply says that she does not wish to live with her husband, and their marriage is over with.

The girl may not only perform "מֵאוּן" on her husband, but if he dies and she does not want to perform יבום with her husband's brother, she may "refuse" him with מֵאוּן, also.

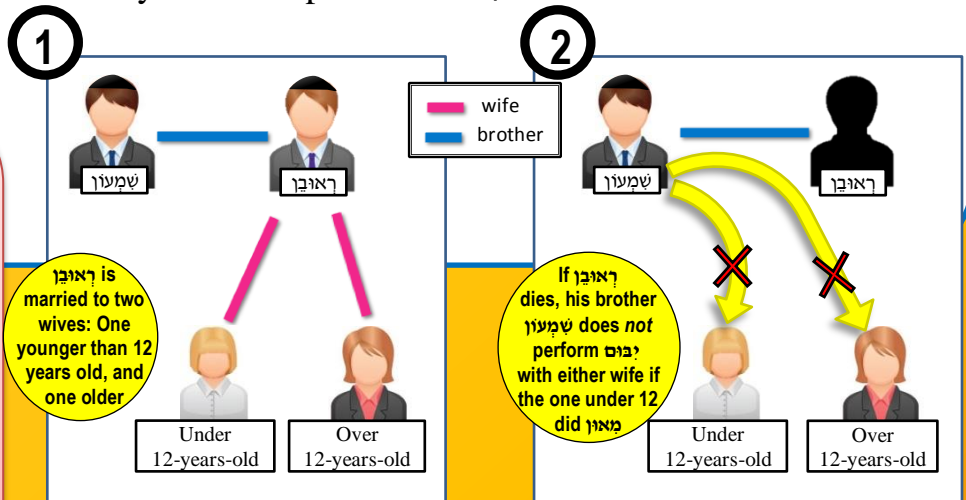
שְׂמוּאֵל says, if the dead husband had two wives, one being the girl under twelve years old and the other an adult, the living brother may not even perform יבום with the adult wife once the other wife has "refused" him.

A Moment – מְדוּת א

Ari got nervous watching the children play. A construction site was nearby and he felt the children were too close. He went to shoo them away from the site.

"Why did you bother doing that?" asked Ronnie. "Don't you know the verse that says, 'Hashem protects the fools' (תהילים) (תהילים, Ps. 116,6)"

"Yes," said Ari, "but as we learn in *daf yomi*, that's only for cases where there is no clear hazard. If there is a clear hazard, like children playing near a dangerous area, we do not rely upon Heaven to protect them."



WORD OF THE DAY:

הַלְכָתָא

"THE RULE WE FOLLOW"

Did You Know...

The Sages teach that it is a risk to a girl's life to bear a child when she is too young.

Games

MATCH UP

Match the word to its meaning

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| מֵאוּן • | • Refusal |
| אֵילוּנִית • | • From the word for "ram" |
| גֵּט • | • Levirate marriage |
| יבום • | • Divorce document |

Review Questions – יבמות דף י"ב

1. What is an אֵילוּנִית?

2. How old may a girl be to perform מֵאוּן?

3. What do the Sages teach is a risk to a girl's life?
