

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

Some glues are stronger than others. Some knots are tighter than others.
Some relationships are stronger than others, too.

When a man dies childless and leaves behind a widow, she becomes "bound" to her late husband's living brother. This is like a glue that binds the **יָבֵם** (living brother) to the **יָבְמָה** (widow). If the **יָבֵם** chooses, he may perform **יְבוּם** (levirate marriage) with the widow. He may also choose to perform **חֲלִיצָה** (taking off), and leave the widow altogether.

But how strong is this "glue" that connects the **יָבֵם** to the **יָבְמָה**? Is it as strong as marriage?

רב הונא (in the name of **רב**) says the bond is so strong that the **יָבֵם** may marry the **יָבְמָה**'s mother. He holds, "**אין זיקה**", "**there is no strong relationship**" between the **יָבֵם** and **יָבְמָה**. If there were, the **יָבֵם** would not be able to marry the **יָבְמָה**'s mother just like he is not able to marry his wife's mother!

רב יהודה holds, "**יש זיקה**", "**there is a strong relationship**" between the **יָבֵם** and **יָבְמָה**. Our **גמרא** suggests that this relationship is so strong that even if the **יָבְמָה** **dies** the **יָבֵם** will still not be allowed to marry her mother. This is so even if the **יָבֵם** performs **חֲלִיצָה** with the **יָבְמָה** and doesn't perform **יְבוּם** at all!

WORDS OF THE DAY:

הָיָה אֲמִינָא

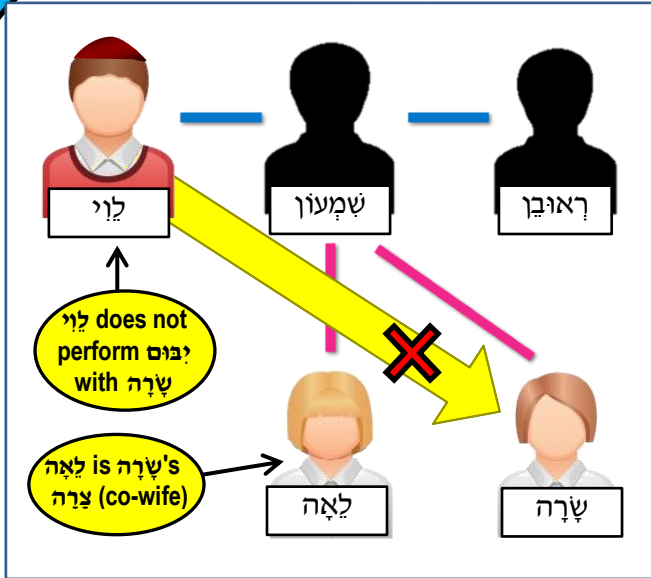
"I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT/SAID"



Did You Know...

"צרת אשת אחיו שלא היה בעולמו" (see "Not in His World"), **רבי שמעון** says **לוי** may in fact perform **יְבוּם** with either **שָׂרָה** or **לָאָה**.

Not in His World



We have learned about the brother (לוי) who was "not in the world" of his brother (ראובן) at the time of his death (see pg. 41). We learned that he does not perform יבום with ראובן's wife (שרה) after שמעון marries her first and dies (see diagrams on pg. 41). That's because לוי "was not in ראובן's world" at the time of ראובן's death when his wife became fit for יבום.

But what about ראובן's wife (שרה) co-wife (לאה)? When שמעון died leaving לאה a

a widow, לוי had already been born. Now that שמעון has died, would לאה fall to him for יבום?

לוי would not be fit for יבום with לאה since she is a "צרת אשת אחיו שלא היה" "a co-wife of the wife of his brother who was not in his world." That is to say, since שרה was never fit for יבום with לוי, neither is her co-wife לאה.

A מדות Moment

"Rabbi Ben Chacham just bought stock in my company," said Mr. Faigenowsky.

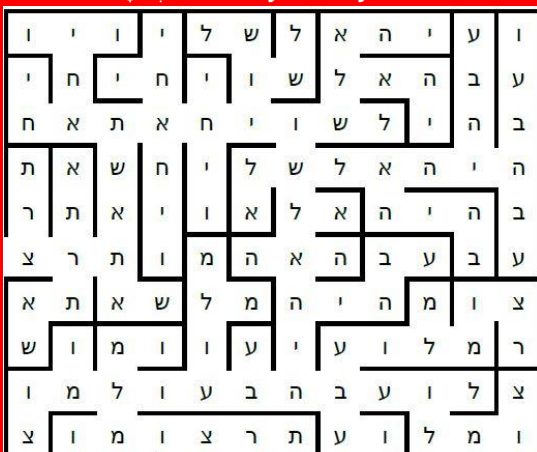
"He's a very righteous man," said Mr. Kaganstein. "I'm sure your business will prosper."

"What makes you say that?"

"Sometimes, even being associated with someone allows you to share in their fortune. This is one reason we strive to associate ourselves with the righteous people. When Hashem will bless them in business, everyone who is with them will prosper, too. Even in *daf yomi* we learn that we share the fortune of those around us. A co-wife can be exempt from יבום just because the other wife is."

WORDMAZE

Follow the phrase "צרת אשת אחיו שלא היה" "בְּעוֹלָמוֹ" to find your way out!



Games

יבמות דף י"ח - Review Questions

1. What does "גיש זיקה" mean?

2. May לוי perform יבום with the co-wife of an "צרת אשת אחיו שלא היה" "בְּעוֹלָמוֹ"?

3. According to רבבי שמעון, who may לוי perform יבום with?