

DAF YOMI4 KIDS

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Did You Know...

רב יוסף says that some statements of the משנה are obvious and can be found in verses in the Torah itself.

Inside the Daf

When a man dies childless, his brother is commanded to perform יבום (levirate marriage) with the dead man's widow. Since he is commanded to perform יבום, it is like he is connected to the widow by a bond. We call this bond, "זיקה."

If the living brother does not want to perform יבום, he may perform a חליצה (shoe removal) ceremony with the widow which removes his זיקה connection to her.

Before יבום is performed, the brother must perform מאמר, an act of marriage, with the widow. He may do this by giving the widow an object such as a ring. After he performs מאמר, it is like he and the widow are married.

Just like a regular marriage, מאמר may be dissolved if the brother gives a גט (divorce document) to the widow.

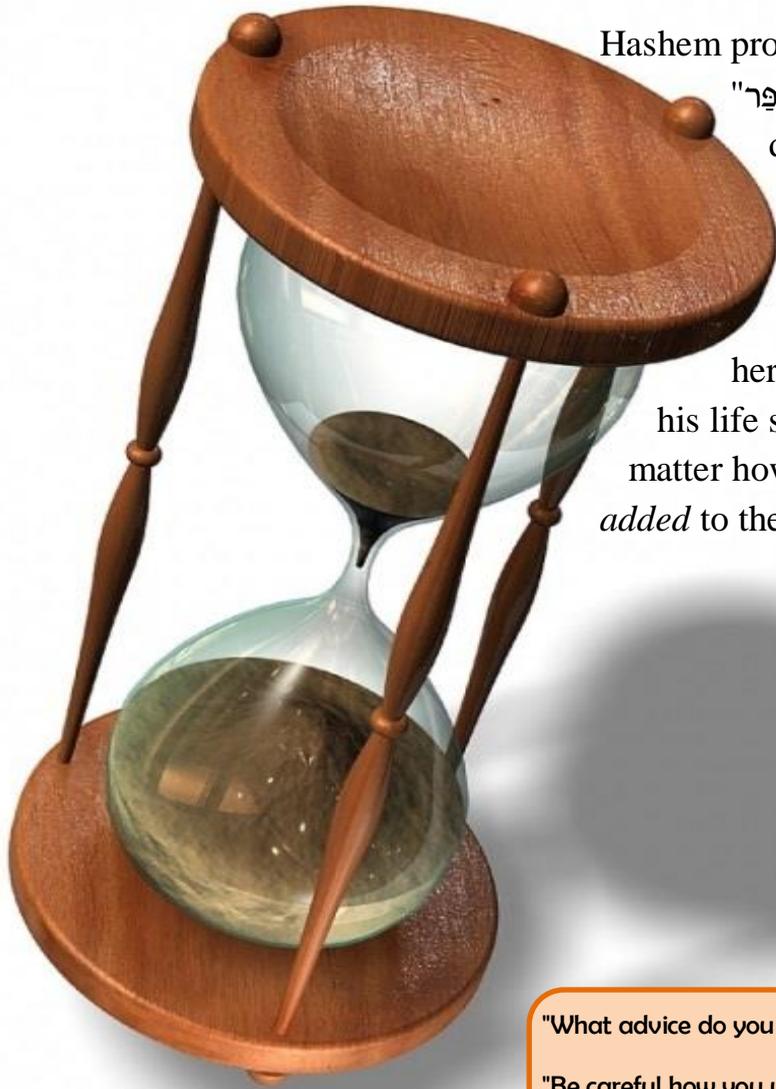
If the brother performed מאמר with the widow and gave her a גט, the גט takes away the marriage. But the brother must still perform חליצה to remove the זיקה bond.

Since he began to release the widow by giving her a גט he may no longer perform יבום with her. He must perform חליצה and fully remove himself from her.



WORD OF THE DAY:
אלו
"THESE"

The Days of Man



Hashem promises the Jewish people that if they serve Him, then, "יִמְדֵךְ אֶמְלֵא אֶת מִסְפַּר", "I will fill out the number of your days," (שמות כג, כו) (Ex. 23,26).

The גמרא explains that every person is given a life span at birth. If one leads a good life Hashem allows the person to live out the full term of his or her life. If one sins, that person is not allowed to live out his life span and his life is shortened. רבי עקיבא says, no matter how righteous a person is, he may never have years added to the life span he or she was given at birth.

The Sages say, if one merits, one may have years added to his or her life. In fact, the prophet ישעיה (Isaiah) told the righteous king חזקיה (Hezekiah) that he would have fifteen years added to his life (see מלכים ב', כ, ה-ו, II Kings 20, 5-6).

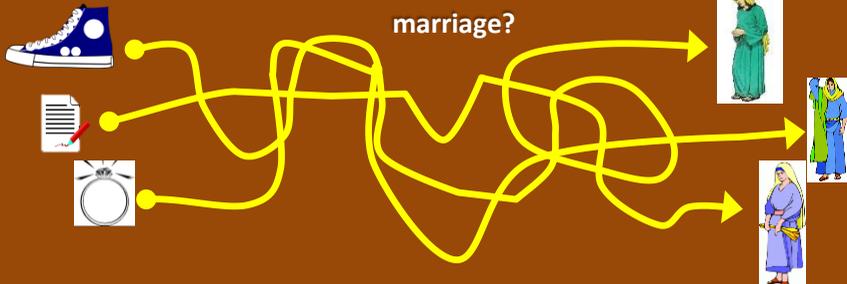
A Moment

"What advice do you have for me for my bar mitzvah?" Jonathan asked the rabbi.
"Be careful how you use your time," said the rabbi. "The גמרא teaches that man is given only a certain number of years to live. If a man sins, those years may be taken away. So how you use your limited time on this earth can end up costing you even more time!"

Games

Crazy Arrows

Which woman receives תּוֹרֵת, a divorce document and marriage?



Review Questions – יבמות דף נ'

1. What must be given to a widow to dissolve מַאֲמָר?

2. Can years be added to a person's life according to רבי עקיבא? The Sages?

3. What does רב יוסף say about some statements in the משנה?
