

מסכת יבמות דף עב

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WORD OF THE DAY:
משום
"BECAUSE"

מדות

Moment

Mitchell was feeling discouraged. He had studied so hard for his גמרא test and he had barely passed!

"Don't be sad," encouraged his teacher. "The גמרא says that רבי יוחנן learned the entire work of תורת כהנים in just three days... but it took him three months to understand it properly. If you are having trouble understanding גמרא, be comforted knowing that it took even the greatest of sages a very long time to mater its material!"

Since the מצוה (commandment) of ברית מילה (circumcision) is so important, it is surprising to learn that the בני ישראל (Children of Israel) who were born in the desert on their way from Egypt to the land of Israel were not circumcised the entire time they were in the desert! Why did they not perform this important מצוה?

The גמרא explains that the north wind did not blow for the Children of Israel for the whole time that they were in the desert. Rashi explains that the north wind is a mild one, not too hot and not too cold. This wind causes the clouds to disperse allowing the sun to shine through. The sun's rays heal the wounds of a ברית מילה, but were not available while the Children of Israel were in the desert. Without these rays, a ברית מילה would be a dangerous procedure so they forwent circumcision while they were in the desert.

בְּרִית מִילָה: Time of Day



כפיות

Have you ever been to a בְּרִית מִילָה? If you have, you probably went during the daytime and not at night.

The Torah says that "on the eighth *day*" the בְּרִית מִילָה is performed (see ויקרא יב,ג, Lev. 12,3). This teaches that a בְּרִית מִילָה is done during the day and not at night.

The גְּמָרָא teaches that not only is a baby boy circumcised during the day, but also others who need a בְּרִית מִילָה. For example, men who convert to Judaism need to have a בְּרִית מִילָה performed when they convert. Their בְּרִית מִילָה, too, must be done during the day.

What if a baby could not be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth because he was sick? When he has his circumcision later, must it be done during the day?

This is a dispute between תַּנְיָא קַמָּא, who says it must be done by day, and רַבֵּי אֶלְעָזָר who holds that only a בְּרִית מִילָה done at its right time (on the eighth day) must be done by day.

! ? Did You Know...

No letter in the Torah is extra. According to some, even the letter וי (and) and ה' (the) teach us something.

Games

IN COMMON

What do all of these pictures have in common?



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יבמות דף ע"ב – Review Questions

1. Why did the Jewish people not perform בְּרִית מִילָה in the desert?

2. Is a בְּרִית מִילָה performed during the day or at night?

3. Which letter in the Torah is extra?
