

פרק עשירי: ערבי פסחים Introduction to

4.10.1

99b (משנה א') → 100b (לאחר תשעה)

Our chapter is wholly devoted to the practices of the 15th of ניסן at night – the "סדר". As usual, the גמרא will lead us on various tangents in and around the topic; in our chapter, we will devote significant discussion to the מצוות of קידוש והבדלה מצוות along with a protracted discussion about demonology, after which the focus on the מצוות of the evening will tighten.

Note1: the תורה obligates us to eat מצה at night and the rabbis, in order to ensure that we eat it with good appetite, forbade us from eating a significant meal beforehand.

Note2: the rabbis, in order to enhance the environment of royalty, obligated us to drink 4 cups of wine that night.

Our משנה and the pursuant discussion will flesh out these obligations

(1) ... ויאמר המלך הנם לכבוש את המלכה עמי בבית הדבר יצא מפי המלך ופני המן חפז: אסתר ז, ח

I. ערבי (פסחים: משנה א')

- a. *Prohibited*: to eat מן המנחה and on
 - i. *Inference*: only prohibited on בניסן יד
 - ii. *Challenge*: regarding all טובים וימים שבתות יהודה, ערבי prohibited eating from מנחה and on
 1. *Answer1* (ר' הונא): our משנה includes even יוסי ר' (who permits eating on ערבי שו"ט)
 2. *Answer2* (ר' פ): even יהודה ר' expands here to סמוך למנחה (ע"ש is only after מנחה)
 - a) *Challenge*: יהודה ר' forbids eating on ע"ש from 9 hours on (סמוך למנחה) – support for ר"ה
 - b) *Challenge* (to ר"ה): ruling that יהודה בע"פ ר' יוסי → הלכה כר' יהודה בע"פ ר' disagrees even regarding ע"פ
 - i. *Answer*: ruling re: הפסקה (stopping if already eating)
 1. *Story*: יוסי ר' and חכמים eating on ע"ש in עכו – יוסי – הלכה כר' יוסי (v1)
 - a. *Therefore*: they kept on eating
 2. *Final ruling* (compromise?) פורס מפה ומקדש
 - ii. *Tangential question*: conflicting ברייתות if ר"י ור"י agreed that we may start or we may not start on ע"ש
 1. *Answer*: rulings refer to different days and times
 - a. *Agree to start*: on ע"ש before 9 hours (afterwards, they disagree as per above)
 - b. *Agree to forbid starting*: on ע"פ
- b. *Scope*: includes even the indigent – must wait until evening to eat
- c. *Wine*: even the poor, who collect their food from the communal soup kitchen, must be given ד' כוסות