

4.10.8

109b (ולא יפחתו לו) → 111a (לא קרידי לגו קרידי לא)

<p>ליל שמיים הוא לה' להוציאם מארץ מצרים הוא הלילה הזה לה' שמרים לכל בני ישראל לדרתם: שמות יב, מג (1)</p>	<p>בברכה ה' ושמך: אר ה' פניו אליך ויחנך: ישא ה' פניו אליך וישם לך שלום: במדבר ו:כד-כו (2)</p>
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- I. Challenge to ordinance of “4 cups” from ברייתא don't eat, drink, clean self or engage in coitus twice (→demons)
- Answer1* (ר"ג): the night is guarded from demons (v1)
 - Answer2* (רבא): a ברכה של כוס isn't reckoned towards an unfavorable counting
 - Answer3* (רבינא): each cup stands independently
 - Note*: regarding coitus, since he didn't plan to do it, not considered זוגות
 - Answer*: if he ate/drank in pairs, shouldn't engage in coitus at all as he is already “weakened”
- II. Tangent: limitations to concern about drinking “pairs”
- Context*: only harmful if he intends to travel, sleep or use bathroom and doesn't interrupt the cups (by going outside)
 - Range*: Important people must be extra careful and always avoid “pairs”
 - עולא*: 10 cups (such as those ordained for the בית אביל) are not subject to “pairs”; 8 are subject
 - 8 are not subject; the 7th word שלום (in the last line of ברכת כהנים v2) “interrupts”, 6 are
 - 6 are not subject; the 5th word ויחנך (in the middle line of בר"כ v2) interrupts; 4 are subject
 - 4 are not subject; the 3rd word וישמרך (in the 1st line of בר"כ v2) interrupts;
 1. *רבא*: consistent; he allowed students to leave his house after כוסות ד'
 - And*: explained a student's bad fortune as caused by his persistent challenges in the מדרש בית מדרש
 - Conversations*: with demons, giving “inside information” about זוגות
 - אשמדאי the king of demons is in charge of all pairs
 - Approach1*: he can't be considered dangerous, for a king wouldn't be a מזיק
 - Approach2*: the king is quick-tempered and can damage at will
 - conversation with יסף the demon; only kill for 2 drinks; for 4 – just harm (only if intentional)
 - Remedy*: play “one-up” on demon (counting thumbs)
 - conversation with head sorceress: formula for warding off sorceress¹
 - ארע ישראל: they weren't concerned about pairs
 - דימי מנהרדעא ד' was careful even about markings on a wine-barrel
 - General rule*: if you are particular, so are the demons with you
 - brought tradition (from דימי א"י) re: 4 items but forgot #4 – רבנן decreed against all pairs on account of the ספק
 - Caveat*: “safety” of 10, 8, 6&4 only re: demons; but still susceptible to hexes
 - Support*: story of witching ex-wife and “even inebriation” leading to death
 - Doesn't apply to*: plates/cups (only organic items); differen shops (drinking 1 cup in 1 and 2nd in another)
 - Or*: changing your mind (and having a 2nd drink); guests or women
 - Asparagus*: drink doesn't combine unfavorably, gbut may combine to make an odd number
 - Unless*: she's an “important” woman
 - Doubt*: when in doubt. 2 versions of רבא's statement as to whether we are stringent
 - 2 cups of wine and 1 cup of beer – the beer isn't combined (still a pair), not inverse
 - Rule*: anything combined to a more severe item is טמא; wine is more valuable than beer so it combines with it
 - 1 before the meal and 2 during or vice-versa combine; but 1 after the meal doesn't combine
 - all mixed (diluted) drinks combine (for pairs) *שמואל*
 - even water *רב יוחנן*
 - only if it is hot mixed into cold water or vice-versa *ד"פ*

¹ Hot dung in perforated baskets for your mouths, o ye witches! may your heads become bald, the wind carry off your crumbs, your spices be scattered, the wind carry off the new saffron which ye are holding, ye sorceresses; as long as He showed grace to me and to you, I had not come among [you]; how that I have come among you, your grace and my grace have cooled.