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111a (אמר ריש לקיש) → 112a (בכסי חיורי)

שפך בוז על נדיבים ויתעם בתהו לא דרך: תהלים קז, מ	(1)
גם כי אלף בגיא צלמות לא אירא רע כי אתה עמדי שבטך ומשענתך המה ונחמני: תהלים מג, ד	(2)
מדבר באפל יהלך מקטב ישוד צהרים: תהלים צא, ו	(3)

I. ריש לקיש and 4 dangerous actions

- a. *Relieving*: oneself between a palm tree and a wall (if there aren't 4 אמות between them and no other path)
- b. *Walking*: between 2 palms (if there isn't a public thoroughfare going through there)
- c. *Drinking*: borrowed water (only if borrowed by a child in a rural area – and limited to water, not wine/beer)
- d. *Passing over*: spilled water (unless he put dirt or spit into it, or sun passed over it or he walked 60 steps over it)
 - i. *Note*: doesn't affect him if he is riding a donkey and wearing shoes
 - ii. *Note*: all of these "exemptions" are ineffective where sorcery is rife – (story of man with shrinking shoes)

II. Unsafe "passages"

- a. *Dog*: between 2 men; man between 2 dogs
- b. *Palm tree*: between 2 men; man between 2 palms
- c. *Woman*: between 2 men; man between 2 women
 - i. (some): pig; others – snake; same as these three
 - ii. *If*: inadvertently violated – recite פסוק that begins and ends with either א-ל or לא
 - iii. *Remedy*: for finding women facing each other at the crossroads (engaged in sorcery)
 - iv. *Remedy*: for avoiding immoral thoughts after seeing a woman coming from טבילת מצווה (or her): recite v1

III. The Shadow Knows (application of v2)

- a. *Sleeping*: under the shadow of a palm tree in a courtyard, or in a field if no other palm's shadow is over it
- b. *Sleeping*: in the shadow of the moon – only if the shadow is in the west (end of the month)
- c. *Other concerns*: re palm tree
 - i. *Relieveing*: on a stump of a palm or laying one's head on a stump lead to demonic possession
 - ii. *Cutting down*: a palm and uprooting a palm lead to death – only if he didn't put his foot on it first
- d. *Dangerous shadows*: single palm tree, kanda-tree; caper-tree, bushes (sorb) (?willows?)
 - i. *Some add*: ships, willows
 - ii. *General rule*: many branches or hard prickles is dangerous shade
 1. *Exception*: tree that killed demon (שידא) so it avoids inhabiting it
 - iii. *Names/descriptions*: of various demons – to help write proper amulets and to know what to avoid
 1. *Story*: of man affected by *shide* in sorb-bush

IV. Miscellany about demons

- a. *קטב* 2 demons called קטב (v3); 1 in the a.m. (looks like a turning ladle) and 1 in the p.m. (like goat horn)
- b. *Story*: מרירי and 2 students encountered קטב; making פפא ר' more vulnerable
- c. *If found*: during 1st half of תמוז and in shadows of חצבא that hasn't grown and in the shadow of ביה"כ
- d. *דב יוסף*: eyesight harmed by: combing a dry head, drinking last drops of wine putting on shoes while feet still wet
- e. *Hanging bread*: or keeping bran or crumbs in a house leads to poverty
- f. *Various warnings*: re: washing hands after certain activities and keeping food under a bed
- g. *Water*: danger of drinking water on Wed. or Sat nights – solution – recite Ps. 29 ("on the waters")
 - i. *If not*: other incantations and solutions presented
- h. *Danger*: of drinking from pools or rivers at night; if thirsty, various incantations presented