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51a (לא תיבעי לך) → 52a (ת"ר איזהו מת)

1. אלה הטמאים לכם בכל השרץ כל הנגע בהם במתם יטמא עד הערב: וכל אשר יפל עליו מהם במתם יטמא ... ויקרא יא: לא-לב

- I Definition/parameters of רקב (corpse-mold)
- a Only if he was buried in a marble coffin (or on stones) without clothes
 - i *Explanation*: if he was buried in a wood coffin or with clothes, the mold may come from either of those
 - b עולא רקב is only considered such if it comes from flesh, bone and sinews
 - i *challenge (רבא)*: ruling that רקב that comes from flesh (alone) is טהור
 - 1 *implication*: if it came from bone (alone) – טמא
 - 2 *rejection*: read “if it had bone with it (the flesh)” – טמא
 - 3 *challenge*: but there are no sinews mentioned
 - 4 *answer*: if there is flesh and bone, there are sinews
 - c ר' יוחנן גלגלים (mix) to each other (טהור) that comes from multiple corpses – they become
 - i *challenge*: ruling that רקב that comes from 2 corpses is טמא
 - ii *answer*: referent is when they decomposed separately; the ½ שיעור of each then combined to generate טומאה
 - d ר' יוחנן טומאה גלגלים to obviate if they cut his hair or nails and buried them with him – considered
 - i *אהלות ג:ג*: teeth, hair and nails aren't טמא unless still attached (*משנה*)
 - 1 *question*: if the hair or nails were about to be cut, do we consider them already cut (טהור) or not?
 - (a) *Attempted proof from ר' יוחנן's ruling*: only considered גלגלים if they were cut off
 - (b) *Rejection*: ר' יוחנן's ruling is clear – if they are cut off, considered גלגלים; if not, question still stands
 - e ר' ירמיה טמא רקב which comes from the heel considered?
 - i *Explanation*:
 - 1 *תוספות*: the heel is a dry area, perhaps
 - 2 *מאירי*: refers to רקב coming from any non-vital part of the body
 - ii *exclusion*: ruling that רקב from 2 corpses – טמא, refers to case where entire body rotted and mold came via the עקב
 - iii *question*: if one limb rotted and mold came via עקב – how do we judge it? תיקו
 - f ר' ירמיה גלגלים is an embryo inside the mother considered?
 - i *lemma1*: since we consider the embryo to be ירך אמו → a single body, not גלגלים
 - ii *lemma2*: since it would eventually exit, considered separate
 - 1 *if we follow this line*: what about זרע שכבת זרע, which hasn't yet fertilized, it is part of her body, or since it is from a foreign source – not? תיקו
 - g ר' פפא פפא's question: what about her undigested food?
 - i *Lemma1*: since it is her sustenance, considered part of her body
 - ii *Lemma2*: since it is a foreign source – not part of her body (גלגלים)
 - h Additional questions: skin, mucus, phlegm,
 - i *Retort*: if all of these aren't רקב, how could there be טומאת רקב?
 - ii *Answer*: if the corpse was flayed, his liquids emptied and hair removed beforehand
 - i אביי's ruling: if a corpse is ground up, there is no רקב
 - i *question*: what if he is ground up and then rots – is there רקב?
 - 1 *Lemma1*: since all the components are there, it is רקב
 - 2 *Lemma2*: perhaps it needs to come from a body in its original state – תיקו
- II Deficient corpse: no rule of רקב, no תפוסה (claim on earth around him) nor does he count towards (3 corpses of) שכונת קברות
- a *Challenge*: (comment on distinction between חי מן המת/חי in our משנה) – חי doesn't have רקב
 - i *Explanation*: evidently, even רקב from one limb of a corpse is מטמא
 - ii *Rejection*: all it means is that חי can never have רקב, מת may have (under the right circumstances)
 - b *Question (רבא)*: if (while alive) he had רקב and then died, what is the status of that רקב?
 - i *Attempted proof*: (above-cited comment) → if he died, there is רקב
 - ii *Rejection*: all it means is that חי can never have רקב, מת may have (under the right circumstances)
 - c *Question (רבא)*: if an ant is deficient, are you חייב חי for eating?
 - i *Lemma1*: maybe the שיעור is exactly one ant – and this is missing
 - ii *Lemma2*: the שיעור is a בריה – which this still is
 - iii *Answer*: resolution of v. 1 (בהם vs. מהם) – must have minimal שיעור (כעדשה) → we require a שיעור
 - iv *Rejection*: שיעור only needed if it isn't alive; if it's alive, it has the status of בריה and is מטמא (and חייב for אכילה)