

**Daf Review – Berachos 19**

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**Gemara:**

- The *Gemara* continues its discussion regarding whether a *meis* knows what occurs in this world and attempts to bring a proof from the following stories:
  - *Zeiri's* landlady with whom he entrusted money informed *Zeiri* that a certain person was destined to die the next day- she must have known what happens in this world.
    - Disproof- maybe the angel *Duma* informed the landlady that the person would die
  - *Avuha d'Shmuel* held money of orphans during his lifetime. When he died, *Shmuel* went to the cemetery to inquire where the money was kept. *Avuha d'Shmuel* informed him that the money was inside a mill between other moneys. *Avuha d'Shmuel* was laughing and crying - laughing because *Shmuel* was an *adam gadol* in this world (*Rashi*); alternatively, in the world to come (*tosfos*). Crying because *Shmuel* would soon die. *Avuha d'Shmuel* knew when *Shmuel* would die.
    - Disproof- *Shmuel* was a great person so the heavens announced his arrival
- Bad things happened to those who speak negatively about *talmidei chachamim*, even after they die. Even if one witnessed a *talmid chacham* doing something improper, assume he did *teshuvah* immediately
- Twenty-four times where one was excommunicated for dishonoring *chachamim* and G-d
  - Three of which: 1) *Akavya ben Mehalalel* insulted *Shmaya* and *Avtalyan* re giving *sota* water to a convert; 2) *Elazar ben Chanoch* disagreed with the *chachamim* regarding hand-washing; 3) *Choni Hamagel* spoke defiantly towards G-d
- *Mishna* said not to take a *meis* out to be buried close to *zman krias shma*
  - Exception for an *adam chashuv*
- Those attending a eulogy – if *meis* is present, don't say *k"s*; if not, then you may.
- A mourner shouldn't say his own supplication, for fear of instigating the *satan*
- Those lined up to be *menachem avel* the mourners should recite *k"s* only if they can finish one *pasuk* or *perek* before the mourners reach them
  - Only inner circle people are *patur*; outer circle people are *chayav*
- One who is wearing *shatnez* clothing must immediately take them off, even in public because when there is a *chillul Hashem*, we do not worry about a person's honor
  - Becoming *tamei* while following a mourner is only in a *beis hapras (derabanan)*
  - *R' Elazar bar Tzadok* skipped on top of graves because the coffin acted as a barrier for *tumah*

**Inspiration:**

- *Levi* was locked out of the *mesivta d'rakia* because he didn't attend *R' Efes' shiur*; *Shmuel* davened for him to get in. Sometimes the greatest use of one's *brachos* is to *daven* for someone else
- *Avuha d'Shmuel* kept the money of orphans insulated by his own money at the risk of his personal financial loss and people speaking negatively about him. We should be careful to reserve judgment about people because there may be more to the story that is unknown
- A true *talmid chacham* is not just one who amasses great knowledge, but rather one who corrects his ways immediately after doing something improper