

**Daf Review – Berachos 26**

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**Gemara:**

- The *Gemara* tells over the story of one who subjected himself to danger by not properly covering a *Sefer Torah* which was in his bedroom.
- Returning to the portion of the *Mishna* which discussed the requirement to be four *Amos* away from waste while davening the *Gemara* explains that that is the case when the waste is behind him, but if it is front of him, he must be far away from it so as to not see it at all.
- *Rav Chisda's* ruling that one may *Daven* opposite a bathroom is referring to a new bathroom that has never been used.

**Mishna:**

- According to the *Tana Kama*, a *Zav* who becomes a *Baal Keri*, A *Nidda* who emits *Zera* or a woman who became a *Nidda* after engaging in relations, all of them are required to undergo a *Tevilah* before learning or davening. However, *R' Yehuda* holds that they are exempt from *Tevilah*.

**Gemara:**

- According to *R' Yehuda*, the *Halacha* concerning the reverse case of a *Baal Keri* who subsequently became a *Zav* would also be exempt from *Tevilah*, and the proof is from the similar case of a woman who had relations and subsequently became a *Nidda*, she too would be exempt from *Tevilah* according to *R' Yehuda*.

**Perek Tefilas HaShacar:****Mishna:**

- *Shachris* can be davened until *Chatzos*, and according to *R' Yehuda*, until four hours into the day; *Mincha* can be davened until evening and according to *R' Yehuda*, until *Plag Mincha*; *Maariv* can be davened all night; *Mussaf* can be davened the entire day, and according to *R' Yehuda*, until seven hours into the day.

**Gemara:**

- The *Gemara* introduces the concept of making up missed davenings (*Tashlumin*) and explains that if someone missed a davening, they say the next davening twice (e.g., if you miss *Shachris*, you daven *Mincha* twice).
- The *Gemara* proves that one can make up a missed *Mincha* at the following *Maariv* even though it is technically a different day. Similarly, one can make up a non-*Shabbos* davening on *Shabbos*, and vice-versa.
- The *Gemara* sets forth the *Machlokes* concerning whether the three *Tefillos* of each day were established by the *Avos* or are to commemorate the daily *Karbanos*, and provides the scriptural source for each argument.

**Halacha:**

- *Shulchan Aruch* - A *Tefillin* bag must be inside a second, non-intended *tefillin* bag (like a plastic bag) in order to be considered in a bag at all. If *Tefillin* are located in a bedroom one should cover the bag with a sheet or towel.
- *Shulchan Aruch* – Codifies *Takanas Ezra*, requiring *Tevilah* for a *Baal Keri*, however, we do not require it because it is too significant of an undertaking and might lead to *Bitul Torah* or *Bitul P'eria V'revia*. The *Mishna Brura* says that it is proper to rely on *Tisha Kavim* and one should take a shower after becoming a *Baal Keri*.

**Inspiration:**

- There are always second chances in life, but those second chances don't give you a second shot at the first chance that you missed. We can always re-invent ourselves, and those second chances will come around; but those first opportunities are likely gone. We need to remind ourselves of those lost opportunities so as to make us more vigilant in not losing them again.