

Daf Review – Berachos 9

Gemara:

Dispute regarding the consumption window for the *Korban Pesach*

- a. Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya – until *chatzos* (midnight)
- b. Rabbi Akiva – until dawn
- c. Rambam holds like Rabbi Akiva

Upon leaving Egypt the Jewish people had to be “convinced” to take gold and silver

Message – the goal of life is to minimize the amount of baggage you must carry. The less baggage the easier it is to move from location to location, from goal to goal. Don’t get weighed down by unnecessary and cumbersome baggage of life.

Mishna:

Introduces topic of morning *Shema*. When can one begin to recite it?

- a. Rabbanan – when there is enough light to see the different between blue and white
- b. Rabbi Eliezer – when there is enough light to see the difference between blue and green
- c. One can recite morning Shema until the end of the third hour.

Gemara:

Acheirim -you can begin to say Shema at the time of “*mi’she’yakir*” (when there is enough light to recognize an acquaintance at a distance of 4 *amos*, approximately 6 feet).

Importance of “*semichas geulah l’teffilah, juxtaposition of the beracha of “ga’al yisroel” to Shmona Esrei.*”

The beracha of *ga’al yisroel* refers to the fact that Hashem took us out of Egypt. Hashem redeemed us and cared for us. This gives us the confidence to ask our needs of Hashem within the framework of *Shmona Esrei*. Just as He took care of us historically, He will look after us presently as well.

Halacha:

Ideally, one should not recite the morning Shema before the time of *mi’she’yakir* (50 minutes before sunrise). However, if one recited the morning Shema after *alos* (dawn) one has fulfilled his obligation.

Inspiration:

Although actual exodus occurred in the morning the process of freedom began at night. As the Gemara states, “*hischila lahem geulah mi’ba’erev, redemption began at night.*” There are times in life when the darkness seems overwhelming and it appears as if salvation is nowhere to be found. We must always remember, that there is redemption even in darkness. Hashem the ultimate architect of our personal and national salvation is already constructing and planning our deliverance before we can even see the first rays of light.