

Daf Review – Shabbos 112

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Gemara:

- Discusses the permissibility to untie various items on *Shabbos* (women's blouse and hat strings) since their nature is to be tied and untied regularly, even though one might have thought otherwise.
- Shoe Straps – depends on the type/person: (1) shoemaker's knot is of a permanent nature and would be *assur*; (2) "Rabbi's knot" was typically tied loosely and, therefore, is not untied each time shoes are taken off and would be *assur miderabanon*; and (3) one who is fastidious ties his shoes very tightly and, therefore, such knots are always untied when removing shoes and would be permissible to untie.
- Sandal Straps – depends on the type/person: (1) merchant straps would be attached by shoemaker in permanent fashion and would be *assur*; (2) most people tie sandal straps in a semi-permanent fashion (not untied each time sandals are taken off) and, therefore, would be *assur miderabanon*; and (3) those who share sandals with others need to tie them tightly and, therefore, such knots are always untied when removing the sandals and would be permissible to untie.
- In a situation where sandal strap breaks while walking in a *karmelets*, if the area is not guarded (so the sandal can be left and safely retrieved after *Shabbos*), one may tie a reed around the sandal to keep it on. This lines up with the opinion of **R' Yehuda** (as opposed to *Chachamim*) who maintains that a sandal that loses one strap remains *tamei* (i.e., its status as a *kli* remains intact).
 - While the implication is that the *machlokes* **R' Yehuda** and *Chachamim* would apply to *Shabbos/muktza* (our case above) as well, there are different opinions as to whether the *machlokes* would further extend to *chalitza*.
- Generally, the *shiur* for a bowl to lose its status as a *kli* is a hole the size of a pomegranate; however, the *Gemara* raises a question regarding a bowl which has many holes (each the size of an olive) that have been plugged in but, when combined, are larger than the size of a pomegranate – does such a bowl retain its status as a *kli* or not?
 - Comparison is made to a sandal which loses one strap that is subsequently fixed, and then loses the second strap – in such a case, even though the first strap had been replaced when the second strap breaks, the first strap is viewed as if it's not there (since it isn't the original strap). Similarly, with respect to the bowl, the plugging of each hole is viewed as part of a new *kli* with its own identity (distinct from the original *kli*) and, therefore, the plugged up holes would combine and the bowl would not retain its status as a *kli*.

Inspiration:

Sandal that loses only a single strap remains a kli – If any part of the sole ("soul") remains intact, one retains his identity; but even if entire sole ("soul") is gone, one has the ability to reinvent himself as a new *kli*.