

Daf review - Shabbos 22

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The Gemara details where to place your Hanukkah Menorah, noting that we light indoors when there is a danger of persecution by idolaters. We do this in the Diaspora. Our sages note you need another light so you are not using the Menorah for mundane purposes, and review the Hanukkah story

The Gemara brings a case from Bava Kamma: A shopkeeper leaving his lit lamp outside where a loaded camel catches on fire is liable for the fire damage, but on Hanukkah he is not liable because it is normal to have the Menorah outside near ground level. The reason is that if we force the shopkeeper to put his Menorah in a certain place, he may not perform the mitzvah

Inspiration: if we don't give people a way to do Mitzvos easily, they may not do them

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Gemara continues discussing where to place Menorah

Halacha: we ideally place Menorah within 10 tefachim (about 3 feet) of ground, but more than 20 amos off the ground does not work – it is not readily visible. Same rule for Succah Schach and Mavui

Gemara discusses which side of door to place Menorah, and how we don't use light of Menorah for mundane purposes. Compared to covering blood after shechita – we do not kick dirt since we do not treat mitzvos in degrading way. Compare to using Sukkah decorations (food)

Gemara questions lighting from one lamp/candle to another, compares to moving tzitzis

We compare dragging items on Shabbos – when do not intend to make any furrow in ground Rabbi Shimon allows – *davar shayno mitscaven* – you do not have intention to do any melacha

Gemara asks if problem is disrespect for mitzvah or appearance of diminishing light

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We compare lighting to changing maaser sheni money (money you take to Yerushalaim)

We bring a Baraisa explaining the purpose of Menorah in Mishkan – not for using light, but showing Divine Shchinah is among us through the miracle of the western lamp staying lit. The Cohen then used the western lamp to relight other lamps – maybe used long wick?

Inspiration: when there is a Kashya in life, don't give up! Your next words should be "mai haveh alah?" What is the answer?

Gemara says answer depends if kindling the Menorah or placing it accomplish the mitzvah...