

We promote him. – אנן מסקינן ליה.

Overview

Our גמרא states that if it is a case of תרי ותרי concerning a possible גרושה, the ruling is that we elevate him to כהונה status. Our תוספות will discuss and explain the different rulings concerning תרי ותרי.

For we place the two עדים who are against the two עדים who are מכשיר; thus effectively negating both groups of עדים.

–and the person is placed in his original presumptive status –

כהן – for it is presumed by בי"ד that his father is a כהן – דמוחזק לן דאביו כהן הוא.¹ כהן כשר; therefore the son is also a כשר.

חזקת כשרות of תרי ותרי; that we revert to the כשרות of the father.

And this is perplexing! For the – ותימה דאמרינן בפרק האומר בקדושין (דף סו,א) – מסכת קדושין in פרק האומר states in גמרא

ינאי concerning King – גבי ינאי המלך. There was a controversy surrounding the ינאי המלך of כהונה (גדולה) (דולה). There were rumors that his mother was in captivity among non Jews²; thereby making ינאי a חלל who is לכהונה. The חכמים 'suggested' to ינאי that he give up the כהונה on account of these rumors. The חכמים there continue to relate that the matter concerning her captivity -

was investigated and the rumor could not be substantiated. The גמרא there asks:

How is this that the rumor could not be substantiated, and ינאי was vindicated –

could we say that two עדים claimed that she was in captivity –

and two other עדים claim that she was not captured; this cannot be, for –

why do you see to depend on these עדים who claim לא ינאי אשתבאי and are vindicating ינאי

depend on these עדים who claim אשתבאי; therefore, continues the גמרא's question –

¹ The above is (somewhat) excerpted from the interpretation of the רשב"ם here and רש"י in כ"ב, ב"ב לב,א תוס' ד"ה אנן. However they maintain that the חזקת כשרות is (also) based on his status after the first המכשיר testified; not (only) on the חזקת אביו as תוספות states. See 'Thinking it over' # 1.

² A Jewish woman who had relationships with a non Jew is considered a זונה. She is forbidden to marry a כהן. Any child she has from a כהן is considered a חלל, who is לכהונה. A woman who was held captive among non Jews is considered as מדרבנן, regardless whether it is known for sure if they had any relationship with her. See footnote # 9.

and why did the חכמים say that nothing could be substantiated! Since it is תרי ותרי, it should be considered a ספק and ינאי should be פסול לכהונה. Why did the חכמים insinuate that nothing was found that could invalidate ינאי from the כהונה?! He should be פסול on account of the תרי ותרי. This concludes the citation from the גמרא in קדושין.

concludes his question:

but now according to the interpretation presented in the beginning of תוספות that by תרי ותרי we maintain the original חזקת כשרות, then –

what is the challenge in מסכת קדושין as to the status of ינאי, that he should be פסול by תרי ותרי –

on the contrary! It makes sense why ינאי was vindicated, for –

we should maintain there just as we say here, that –

we place two עדים against two עדים – אוקי תרי בהדי תרי

and we place the person on his original חזקה; which means –

and we should place ינאי based on the חזקה of his mother –

that she was not in captivity³.

question is; just as here the עדים concerning גרושה בן גרושה cancel out (it is תרי ותרי) and the son is a כשר based on the חזקת כשרות of his father; similarly by ינאי the עדים of (תרי ותרי) cancel out. There remains the חזקת כשרות of the mother. ינאי should be פסול on account of the חזקת כשרות of his mother. In both cases neither son (ינאי nor the son) has a חזקת כשרות of their own; only from their parents. The ruling should be the same in both cases. If the חזקת כשרות of the parents applies to the son, then ינאי is כשר. If the חזקת כשרות of the parent cannot apply to the son then the son should also be פסול.

קדושין will now cite how גמרא there in תוספות explains the רש"י:

and explained there in מסכת קדושין the reason we do not follow the חזקת האם concerning ינאי, is –

that the חזקה of ינאי's mother cannot be applied to validate ינאי for כהונה.

because the witnesses who claimed אישתבאי are not coming –

to invalidate the mother for כהונה status –

but rather they came to testify against ינאי that he is the son of a שבויה. The status of the mother is irrelevant here. The mother is not present. The עדים are stating that ינאי is a שבויה; and ינאי has no חזקת כשרות.⁴

³ ינאי's mother was certainly not in captivity prior to the date which the rumor alleges she was captured.

Therefore since there is a תרי ותרי whether or not she was in captivity we place her on her original חזקה that she was never in captivity.

⁴ רש"י does not attempt to distinguish between our גמרא (where we do follow the original חזקה) and the גמרא in קדושין (where we do not follow the חזקה האם). There is a distinction however, for רש"י maintains that the reason the son of the כהן is assumed to be a כהן (is not merely because of the חזקת כשרות of the father, but

רש"י rejects this interpretation of תוספות:

and the ר"י is not satisfied with this interpretation – **ואין נראה לרבינו יצחק** – **for why should not the חזקת האם apply to the son** as well –

– since it is impossible – **הואיל ואינו יכול להיות**

– כשרה – that the mother should be a כשרה

– unless the son is also כשר. If the son is not כשר since he is a כשר, then the mother is automatically a כשרה. תוספות argues that we cannot separate the כשרות האם from the (ינאי) כשרות הבן, since they are dependent on each other. Therefore it does not matter what the intent of the עדים are; whether to testify concerning ינאי or his mother, in all cases the status of the אם and the בן are to be the same. The mother has a פוסל the son, whose status is linked with his mother.

does not agree with the reasoning of רש"י and will now show that it also contradicts a גמרא:

and furthermore there is a difficulty with רש"י, for here in our גמרא – **ועוד דהכא**

even though the עדים are testifying to פסל the son and not the father (similar to the case of ינאי and his mother), nevertheless – **the חזקה of the father helps to be מכשיר the son**. Why therefore should it be any different by ינאי and his mother?⁵

offers his explanation:

and it seems to the ר"י that this is the reason why there is a difference between our גמרא and the case of ינאי – **ונראה לרבינו יצחק דהיינו טעמא**

because the גמרא – משום דמסקינן בפרק ד' אחין (יבמות דף לא,א ושם דיבור המתחיל תרי) – פרק ד' אחין concludes in

that every case of תרי ותרי is a ספק מדרבנן.⁶ According to תורה law if it is a תרי ותרי we follow the original חזקה; however the חכמים decreed that even if there is a חזקה היתר by a תרי ותרי, and מן התורה it should be מותר, nevertheless we treat it as a ספק and we take the more stringent view (if it is an איסור דאורייתא).

and therefore the גמרא there in קדושין challenges the assumption that the rumor could not be substantiated; saying –

– depend on these עדים who testify that אשתבאי – סמוך אהני

for granted that according to תורה law we rule that –

rather) because there is (also) a חזקת כשרות for the son, based on the testimony of the first מכשיר. See previous footnote # 1.

⁵ See previous footnote # 4.

⁶ (seemingly) does not mean that תרי ותרי is a ספק מדרבנן in the usual sense (where we say ספק מדרבנן), but rather that the ספק is מדרבנן. Therefore if the issue at hand is in a דאורייתא it will be לחומרא and by a דרבנן it will be לקולא as תוספות shortly states. See 'Thinking it over' # 2.

אוקי תרי לבהדי תרי – we place the two against the other two (as if they do not exist⁷) –

חזקת – and we place the woman (s'ינאי mother) on her – ינאי כשר לכהונה which would make כשרות;

פסול מדרבנן nevertheless she is considered – מכל מקום מדרבנן יש לפוסלה. Therefore the גמרא says we should be as if we pay attention to the עדים that claim אישתבאי.

The question remains, however, why in our case do we bestow the חזקת האב to the son, even though here it is also תרי ותרי; he should be מדרבנן! תוספות explains:

and here in our גמרא they were lenient since the discussion here is merely concerning a rabbinic תרומה, not a תרומה דאורייתא, therefore they were lenient

to permit him to eat this תרומה דרבנן in a case of תרי – ותרי

and to establish the son as a כשר based on the חזקה of the father⁸.

In summation: According to תוספות in a case of תרי ותרי, then מדאורייתא the ruling would be that אוקמי אחזקה. If there is a חזקת היתר then it would be מותר (however if there is a חזקת איסור then it is a איסור, not a איסור). The רבנן, however, decreed that by תרי ותרי even when there is a חזקת היתר, nevertheless we prohibit it מספק. This ruling applies only if the איסור in question is an איסור דאורייתא (as in the case of ינאי, where a חלל is פסול לכהונה and is forbidden⁹ מדאורייתא for all כהונה functions), however when the איסור in question is merely an איסור דרבנן (as in our גמרא, where we are discussing if the son may eat תרומה which is only a תרומה מדרבנן), then we revert back to the תורה ruling, namely that by תרי ותרי we follow the original כשרות חזקה. This follows the general rule that ספיקא דאורייתא לחומרא and ספיקא דרבנן לקולא.

מן however ספק דרבנן תרי ותרי is merely a difficulty with the idea that תוספות anticipates a difficulty with the idea that תרי ותרי is merely a חזקה התורה we follow the חזקה:

and concerning that which the גמרא previously stated in the case where – והא דאמר לעיל

two עדים said that he died and two עדים said that he did not die, etc., the ruling there is that –

⁷ If we were to maintain that by תו"ת it is considered as if both עדים are testifying; it would be quite difficult to understand how the חזקה can outweigh the status of the עדים (that contradict the חזקה). However if we maintain that תו"ת is viewed as if the contradictory עדים are not present, then it is understandable that the חזקה can decide the case (for no עדים contradict it).

⁸ See 'Thinking it over' # 3.

⁹ In the case of ינאי it may also be considered only an איסור דרבנן, since the איסור שבויה is an איסור מדרבנן (see footnote # 2). Nevertheless on the possibility that she was נבעלה, then (s)he is איסור לכהונה מדאורייתא. In our case of תרומה דרבנן, it is always only a רבנן question, never a דאורייתא issue.

עדים – **however if she remarried and then the** **עדים** came and claimed that he did not die, then everyone agrees that -
– **she need not leave** her new husband¹⁰ – **לא תצא**
– **even though that תרי ותרי** is merely a **אף על גב דתרי ותרי ספיקא דרבנן** היא – ספק מדרבנן, as previously explained –
– **and according to תורה law**, however, **it is** required **that we should establish her status based on her** **חזקה**; which is –
– **that she was a married woman** – **דהויה אשת איש**
– **and she should be required to leave** the new husband – **והיה לה לצאת**
– **even though she remarried** – **אף על פי שנשאת**
– **to one of her witnesses** who is certain (as she is) that her husband died. **לאחד מעדיה**

If we were to maintain that תרי ותרי is a ספק מן התורה and we do not accept any חזקה to resolve this ספק; but rather the ספק status remains by תרי ותרי¹¹, then we can understand that גמרא. There are תרי ותרי; it is a ספק אשת איש, so ב"ד will not permit them to marry מספק. If however they are already married and the new husband and wife both claim that they are sure the husband is dead, then since they were only אסור to marry מספק, therefore this ספק that ב"ד has is not sufficient to revoke their marriage, since they are ודאי that he is dead.

However since we are maintaining that תרי ותרי by מדאורייתא we follow the original חזקה, therefore this woman is אסור מן התורה from her first husband and is אסור to remarry. How can we allow them to remain married just because they claim בודאי that the husband is dead?! How can their ודאי remove the איסור תורה that was created through the חזקה איסור?¹²

answers: תוספות

– **the ר"ת** says that here it is different – **אומר רבינו תם**
– **for the חזקה that a woman is meticulous** in first assuring that here husband is dead **and only then does she remarry**; this חזקה comes –

– **and undermines the חזקה אשת איש**. The חזקה אשת איש is not powerful enough to create a חזקה איסור. There is an opposing חזקה. The fact that the woman is remarrying and claiming that she is sure her husband is dead weakens the חזקה אשת איש. A woman will not remarry if she is unsure of her (original) husband's status. She does not want to transgress the איסור אשת איש; she does not want her children to be

¹⁰ See 'Thinking it over' # 4.

¹¹ This view may be seen as being supported by the גמרא concerning ינאי. The גמרא there says סמוך חזקה היתר (on those that are אסור), even if there is a חזקה היתר.

¹² It is understood that even though the חכמים said that תרי ותרי remains a ספק and we do not rely on the חזקה; however that is only if there is a חזקה היתר. Then the חכמים decree that even though מדאורייתא it is מותר on account of the חזקה היתר, nevertheless מדרבנן it is אסור. However if מדאורייתא it is אסור because of the חזקה איסור, then the רבנן will certainly not say that it is only a ספק (and should be מותר!?!).

etc.; in short a woman will only remarry after a meticulous search that assures her that her husband died. This חזקת אשת איש counteracts the חזקה. Therefore if she remarried it is only a ספק איסור בי"ד, therefore לא תצא.

חזקת דדייקא ומנסבא challenges this previous assumption that there is a

עדים – and you may say; if there are two who testify that her husband died, then she –

– is not meticulous in verifying that her husband died. The reason she is not (so) meticulous is –

– for subsequently there is no stringency –

– as the גמרא states in רבה – כדאמר בהאשה רבה (שם דף פז,ב ושם)

– if she remarried without requiring permission from בי"ד (in a case where עדים testified that her husband died), and then her original husband returned –

– she is permitted to return to her original husband.

– and the גמרא explains there that the meaning of the term 'נשאת שלא ברשות' is –

– that she remarried based on the testimony of עדים who claim that her husband died. If only one עד claimed that her husband died then she requires a (special) רשות בי"ד to remarry (since two עדים are required to testify). בי"ד grants her this רשות with a provision that if her husband returns then she will not be able to be married to either of her husbands and will lose her monetary rights, etc. This ensures us that she will be meticulous before she remarries. However if two עדים testify that her husband died, then she is permitted to remarry without any specific רשות בי"ד. If her husband returns we are not that strict with her; including that she may return to her previous husband, and retains her monetary rights.

question is that since there are two עדים who testify to her husband's death¹³, therefore there will be no חומר בסופה. If there is no חומר בסופה, then there is no דייקא ומינסבא, since the woman is not that concerned. If there is no דייקא ומינסבא, there remains only the חזקת אשת איש. If there is a חזקת אשת איש, how can she remain married in face of this חזקת אשת איש, since מדאורייתא we follow the חזקה in a case of תרי ותרי?!

answers:

– and one can say –

– that since the two groups of עדים contradict each other, therefore –

– there is the same stringency here as if she would have remarried – ברשות בי"ד

– if she will remain¹⁴ with her new husband –

¹³ The question (seemingly) becomes stronger since תוספות is discussing the case of נשאת ואח"כ באו עדים, at the time of her remarriage there were only the עדים המתירים. She is certainly not דייקא ומינסבא. See footnote # 10.

¹⁴ See previous footnote # 13.

based on her claim of certainty, that she knows for sure that her husband died. בי"ד is lenient with her only if she remarries on the basis of the testimony of two uncontested עדים. If however, the עדים are eventually contested, and she remains married on the basis of her assuredness, then she must face the consequences, if it turns out that she is wrong and her 'old' husband is still alive. Therefore by תרי ותרי she will be דייקא ומינסבא, since there is a חומרא בסוף. This דייקא ומינסבא cancels out the חזקת אשת איש. The woman's status is only a ספק איסור at most. If she claims ברי לי, then בי"ד cannot separate her from her new husband.

Tosfos has an additional question:

and if you will say; in the case where –

two claim that she was divorced, and two other claim that she was not divorced –

why is she not required to leave her new husband, in a situation –

where she first remarried based on the testimony of the first group of עדים, and afterwards a second group of עדים came who claimed that לא נתגרשה. Why does the ברייתא state that she need not leave!? For –

she is not meticulous in the verification process, in a contested divorce case –

it is specifically only by a claim of death that she is **meticulous** in verifying his death; the reason is –

for she is afraid that perhaps her previous husband may return –

and everyone will know that he did not die. Therefore by וידעו הכל שלא מת she is very meticulous. However by גירושין, she is not that concerned if her husband returns, for even if he claims that he did not divorce her, people will not be sure that it is true. Especially since the woman claims (and two עדים support her contention) that he did divorce her. Therefore since she is not that concerned there is no דייקא ומינסבא. This leaves us only with the חזקת אשת איש. Why therefore do we permit her to remain with the new husband?!

Tosfos anticipates a possible answer, and rejects it:

and she is not believed to claim that she was divorced. There is a rule that if a woman declares in the presence of her husband, that she is divorced; the woman is believed. There is a חזקה that a wife will not be brazen to her husband's face. If she claims she is divorced, we assume that she is. Tosfos is noting that in this case we cannot say that here too the woman herself is believed that she is divorced, and that her statement counteracts the חזקת אשת איש (just as in a regular case where a wife says to her husband גרשתי) –

for not in the presence of her husband, a woman is indeed very brazen. There is no reason to believe her.

Tosfos adds an additional point:

and furthermore, in a case where there are עדים –

who are assisting her – **דקא מסייעי לה** and supporting her claim that she is a divorcee –

certainly she is brazen. She is only believed when she says I am divorced, in the presence of her husband; for a woman does not have the **העזה** to claim in the presence of her husband that she is divorced, unless it is true. However not in the presence of her husband and especially if other **עדים** support her, a woman has the **העזה** to claim that she is divorced even if it is not true. Therefore we cannot believe her statement that she is divorced. There is also no **דייקא ומינסבא** in the case of **גירושין**. Seemingly there only remains the **חזקת אשת איש**. The woman should not be permitted to remain with her husband.

answers:

and one can say – **ויש לומר**

that concerning this issue; whether she can remain with her new husband, **she is meticulous** –

and she weakens the חזקת אשת איש; the reason for this is –

for she is always concerned that–

perhaps her supporting **עדים** **will be מיוזם or invalidated** by being accused that they are **גזלנים**. She will have nothing to fall back on, since there are **עדים** who claim that she was never divorced. Therefore she is **דייקא ומינסבא**.

has one final question:

and if you will say – **ואם תאמר**

When the גמרא did not yet know – **למאי דלא ידע**

that we are discussing a situation where she claims **‘I am sure that he died’**¹⁵; before we came to that conclusion and we thought that the woman has no opinion as to the status of her husband –

what does the גמרא state as a challenge, that how can she remarry –

‘she herself needs to bring an אשם תלוי’; why does the גמרא say that; since she does not know the status of her husband, the גמרא –

should have stated –

she has to bring a חטאת קרימא. According to our **סוגיא** **תוספות** maintains that **תרי ותרי** is a **ספיקא מדרבנן**. However **מדאורייתא** we follow the **חזקה**. In this case of **תרי ותרי**, the woman is **בחזקת אשת איש**. Therefore if she does not claim **ברי לי**, then she is **בחזקת אשת איש** and is required to bring a **חטאת קרימא**; not an **אשם תלוי**!

answers:

and one can say that the challenge of the גמרא, is – **ויש לומר דפריך**

¹⁵ Seemingly it should read 'באומרת'.

¹⁶ See תוספות דף לא,ב ד"ה ואם.

– תרי ותרי even if we were to assume that תרי ותרי – אפילו נאמר דתרי ותרי

– is a ספק תורה ספק. If we assume that תרי ותרי is a ספיקא דאורייתא, then we do not follow any חזקות, but rather it is left as a ספק. If it is a ספיקא דאורייתא, then it is understood why the גמרא cannot claim that she should bring a קרבן חטאת. A קרבן חטאת is brought only if one certainly transgressed an איסור דאורייתא, but not if one is doubtful whether he transgressed an איסור דאורייתא as in our case where it is merely a ספיקא דאורייתא.

– פרק ד' אחין As I explained in פרק ד' אחין (דף דף לא,א דיבור המתחיל אי) – ספיקא דאורייתא nevertheless¹⁷ even if it is only a ספיקא דאורייתא – מכל מקום – she is required to bring a תלוי אשם for (perhaps) transgressing a ספק איסור.

concludes:

– and there is no need to elaborate any longer – ואין להאריך
– and I explained it at greater length in ובכתובות (דף כו,ב דיבור המתחיל אנן) פירשתי מסכת כתובות.

Summary

In a case of תו"ת, the ruling הורה is, that we follow the חזקה, whether there is a חזקת היתר or a חזקת איסור. The חכמים however instituted that even if there is a חזקת היתר, it should still be treated as a ספק. If the issue is a דאורייתא, we go לחומרא if it is a רבנן, we go לקולא.

We follow a חזקת איסור לחומרא only if the חזקה is not compromised; otherwise it remains (only) a ספק.

The חזקה of אשה דייקא ומינסבא applies (even) by תרי ותרי; and even by תו"ת of גירושין it is sufficient to allow her to remain with her husband.

Thinking it over

1. In our גמרא we say that the son has the חזקת כשרות from his father כהן. Seemingly there is no connection; the father may be a כהן כשר who married a גרושה¹⁸, thereby disqualifying the son from the כהונה.

2. It is not clear what תוספות is adding by citing the גמרא in יבמות¹⁹. Seemingly until now we also assumed that תו"ת is a ספיקא דרבנן; otherwise (if it were a דאורייתא), we would not follow the חזקה. תוספות should have merely stated the difference between our גמרא and the case of ינאי in מס' קדושין.

¹⁷ איתחזק איסורא may be alluding to the issue whether an אשם תלוי is brought only when תוספות

¹⁸ A כהן who marries a גרושה is still a כהן כשר, even though his children are חללים.

¹⁹ See footnote # 6.

3. תרומה (only) explains that in our גמרא the son is permitted to eat (only) חזקת היתר. In a case of a דרבנן (ספק) then by תרי ותרי we follow the חזקת היתר. It seems from תוספות that if there would not be a חזקת היתר, then he would be אסור in this דרבנן for he is a ספק חלל. The general rule is that by a ספק דרבנן we are lenient (even without a חזקת היתר), Why is it necessary here to rely on the חזקת היתר?²⁰

4. נשאת ואח"כ באו עדים לא תצא. It has a difficulty with the ruling that if תצא לא תצא. It seems that תוספות is asking the question according to רמב"י. however the question can certainly be asked according to the ת"ק as well for they maintain that in all cases תצא.²¹

²⁰ See footnote # 8.

²¹ See footnote # 10. See פני שלמה and מהרש"א.