

Like this incident where רבא coerced

כי הא דרבא אכפיה –

OVERVIEW

The גמרא relates an incident that רבא coerced רנב"א to give four hundred זוז for צדקה. Our תוספות reconciles this story with a previous גמרא.

אחר היה עמו דאין עושין שררה על הצבור פחות מב' ולא חשיב ליה מפני כבודו של רבא:
There was another person with רבא when he forced רנב"א to give the צדקה, because we do not relegate authority over the congregation to less than two people.¹ The גמרא **did not mention the other person's [name], because of s'רבא's honor.**²

SUMMARY

It was רבא and another who were אכפיה to רנב"א to give צדקה. No individual can assert his authority over the צבור.

THINKING IT OVER

How was רבא and his partner able to coerce רנב"א to give צדקה; (a בי"ד of) three is required to coerce (as תוספות mentioned previously³)?!⁴

¹ We do not allow a single individual to have authority over members of the community (as the גמרא stated previously on this עמוד).

² רבא was of a much greater stature than the other individual; had both names been mentioned it would appear that רבא was on an equal basis with this other person.

³ בד"ה מתחלקת.

⁴ See בל"י אות קפב and קובץ שיעורים אות מו, סוכ"ד אות כא, מטה יוסף אות רא in עד"ו.