

## שחשדוהו בזונה<sup>1</sup> –

**They suspected him** of a relationship with a **harlot**

### OVERVIEW

אלעזר explained the פסוק in ירמיה where it states: 'כי כרו שוחה ללכדני וגו' to mean that the people suspected הנביא ירמיה of having a relationship with a זונה (who is referred to in this פסוק as שוחה). Our תוספות will explain that in the case of ירמיה this was a serious accusation.<sup>2</sup>

דירמיה כהן הוה<sup>3</sup> וזונה<sup>4</sup> אסורה לכהן:

for ירמיה was a כהן, and a כהן is forbidden to have relationships with a זונה.

### SUMMARY

אסורה עליו זונה was a כהן and therefore a זונה was

### THINKING IT OVER

It would seem that even if ירמיה הנביא was not a כהן it would be immensely degrading to suspect him of relationships with a זונה. Why was it necessary for תוספות to emphasize that he was a כהן?!

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<sup>1</sup> In our גמרא it is written 'מזונה'.

<sup>2</sup> [Even though ordinarily having relations with a זונה may not be אסור מן התורה for a ישראל.]

<sup>3</sup> See the beginning of ירמיה (א,א) where it states that he was בענתות מן הכהנים.

<sup>4</sup> A woman who has relationships with anyone with whom she is forbidden to live with, is subsequently called a זונה. She is henceforth forbidden to a כהן.