

## The goat by thrusting

## גדיא בסריכא –

### OVERVIEW

The גמרא explained that the goat jumped up through סריכא which is unnatural (since it usually jumps up instead). תוספות explains סריכא and differentiates it from a similar term mentioned previously.

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שנועץ צפרניו בארץ וקופץ כמו הכלב ולא דמי לסרוכי וסליק שנסרך בחבית עד שמגיע ללפת:

The meaning of סריכא is **that the goat sticks the nails of his hooves in the ground<sup>1</sup> and jumps like a dog. And this סריכא is not similar to the סרוכי וסליק, which was mentioned previously,<sup>2</sup> for there it means that the goat grabbed on to the jar<sup>3</sup> in order to climb until he reaches the turnips**

### SUMMARY

סרוכי in the ground is not natural for a goat, but סריך וסליק on the sides of a jar is natural.

### THINKING IT OVER

Why does not תוספות differentiate in a different manner; in the גמרא previously, there was food on top of the jar, therefore it is normal for the goat to do סריכא in order to reach the food; here however there was no food, it merely jumped through סריכא for no apparent reason; this is unusual?!<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> תוספות writes here בד"ה סריכא רש"י that the goat sticks its nails into the 'wall', not the ground like תוספות.

<sup>2</sup> The גמרא on כ, א states that if a goat saw turnips atop of a jar and climbed up (סריך וסליק) and ate the turnips and broke the jar, he is חייב נ"ש for the turnips and the jar. It is apparent from that גמרא that the סריך וסליק is considered אורחיה since he is חייב נ"ש, and here we say that סריכא is not אורחיה. See 'Thinking it over'.

<sup>3</sup> It is not usual for a goat to stick its nails into the ground when it wants to jump up – it merely jumps. However, it is usual for a goat to hold on to the sides of a jar when it wishes to climb up the jar in order to eat what is there.

<sup>4</sup> See מהר"ם שי"ף.