

The field which I will buy

שדה שאני לוקח –

OVERVIEW

שדה שאני לוקח לכשאקחנה קנויה רב that if one says taught in the name of רב הונא רב' states that s' ruling is logical in a case of שדה סתם, but not by שדה זו; nevertheless תוספות that, 'I swear that רב was referring to שדה זו as well.' רבא infers the proper גירסא from s' רבא statement.

לא גרסינן זו מדקאמר והאלהים אפילו בשדה זו הלא בפירוש אמר זו:

The texts does not read, 'this field which I will buy', since רבא said, 'and I swear by Hashem that s' רב' maintains this rule even if he said שדה זו. This proves that רב did not say שדה זו, for if רב said שדה זו, why is רבא swearing that this rule applies even by שדה זו, when רב said שדה זו explicitly. There is no need for רבא to swear.

SUMMARY

The word שדה is omitted from the text.

THINKING IT OVER

Why is it important to know what the גירסא is, since we ultimately know (from רבא) that רב meant even שדה זו regardless how he phrased it? Alternately how can תוספות be sure that the גירסא is not שדה זו; perhaps the גירסא was שדה זו and other אמוראים questioned it, so רבא answered that even though logically רב should have made this ruling only by שדה סתם; however the truth is that רב indeed made this ruling even by שדה זו!¹

¹ See TosfosInEnglish.com who references other places where רבא states 'וכו' והאלקים וכו' גהש"ס לרע"א