

There, there certainly is a swindler

התם ודאי איכא רמאי –

OVERVIEW

The גמרא explains that our משנה can follow the view of ר' יוסי who maintains that by מנה שלישי we rule יהא מונה for all three מנות. The difference is that by מנה שלישי there is a רמאי, however in our משנה there is no certainty of a רמאי since we can presume that they picked it up together. תוספות will explain both cases (טלית² and מנה ג'¹)

- ודאי רמאי there is a מנה שלישי since by תוספות

לכך קניס ליה³ גם במה שהוא שלו בודאי⁴ –

Therefore we punish him and disallow him even from something which is **certainly his**. That explain why ר' יוסי rules יהא מונה on everything -

אבל הכא אימור תרוייהו בהדי הדדי אגבהוה דליכא רמאי –

However here in our משנה we may assume the possibility that they both picked it up simultaneously so therefore there is no רמאי --

דכל חד סבור שהוא הגביה קודם⁵:

For each one assumes that he picked it up first. He is not lying maliciously as in the case of מנה שלישי; rather in his imagination he picked it up first. Therefore since there is no ודאי רמאי we can rule יחלוק.

SUMMARY

A ודאי רמאי is punished that he does not even receive what is due to him. If he is lying unknowingly, he is not considered a רמאי.

THINKING IT OVER

תוספות explains than when there is a רמאי, we punish him that he does not receive even his due.⁶ However seemingly here, by מנה ג', we are not merely punishing the רמאי, but we are also punishing the honest person. How can we justify this?!

¹ It is seemingly not understood why ודאי רמאי should cause that (according to ר' יוסי) we should not return to each one the מנה that is certainly his.

² It is seemingly not understood why אגבהוה בדי הדדי אימא תרוייהו should make it not רמאי, when each one claims מצאתיה.

³ See 'Thinking it over'.

⁴ This resolves the question in footnote # 1.

⁵ This resolves the question in footnote # 2.

⁶ See footnote # 3.