

When she will grow up

לכי גדלה –

OVERVIEW

rules that this גר קטן, who was ב"ד בי"ד, can protest his גירות when he grows up and will revert to being a non-Jew. רבא challenged this from a ברייתא which states that a גיורת who was מתגייר before she was three years old, receives קנס (if she was נאנס like a בתולה). How can we give her קנס if she will revert to being an עכו"ם. The גמרא responded we will give it to her when she grows up.¹ clarifies this answer.

asks:

ואם תאמר והלא כבר גדולה היא שהיא נערה כיון שהיא בת קנס² -

And if you will say; what does it mean that we will give her the קנס later when she grows up, but she is already a גדולה, for she is a נערה since she is receiving קנס!

answers:

ומפרש רבינו יצחק לכי גדלה ונהגה³ מנהג יהודית:

And the ר"י explained that לכי גדלה means that she will conduct herself in the Jewish customs.

SUMMARY

We give her the קנס when she conducts herself according to יהודית.

THINKING IT OVER

Is תוספות question and answer on the first answer of the גמרא – 'לכי גדלה', or on the second answer – 'כיון שהגדילה שעה אחת וכו'?

¹ The גמרא clarified this to mean that once she is a גדולה she can no longer protest. See later in this תוספות.

² The laws of קנס apply only to a נערה but not to a קטנה. See רש"י כט, א ד"ה אלו.

³ Presumably this is what the גמרא means when it states כיון שהגדילה שעה אחת וכו' that if she was הגדילה and נהגה מנהג יהודית (at whatever period after הגדילה) she can no longer be מוחה. It cannot mean that as soon as הגדילה she cannot be מוחה, for how will we know the exact moment when הגדילה to determine both the המחזות and הגדילה יכולה למחזות. שעה אחת וכו' אין יכולה למחזות.