## WHAT FATHERS AND SONS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR

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EINALLY! EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO GRASP FULLY THE RICHNESS AND DEPTH OF תוספות. ALL תוספות ARE CLEARLY EXPLAINED IN AN EASILY READABLE FORMAT.

#### Each תוספות contains:

Overview - Contains the background information necessary to properly understand the issues that תוספות will be discussing.

Body of תוספות – translation, interpretation, and elucidation. The entire text of תוספות, as well as the linear translation is in bold type, enabling the student to learn the translation of the words and concepts mentioned in תוספות. The linear translation is augmented by an interpretation and elucidation, in regular (and reduced font) type to enable an easy flowing train of thought.

> **Summary** — a brief synopsis encapsulating the salient points of the תוספות, offering a valuable memory tool for the student.

Thinking it over — challenging questions to stimulate the student's analytical capacity, and a self evaluating tool of appreciating the finer points of the תוספות.

> Footnotes - references as well as more detailed and technical explanations for some of the more complicated concepts in תוספות.

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### Half-Bricks – כפיסין

#### **Overview**

There is a פסוק which states that אבן מקיר תזעק וכפיס מעץ יעננה': 'לעתיד לבוא.'. The stone will shout from the wall and a כפיס from (a tree) [wood] will respond to the stone'. It seems from this פסוק that כפיס is a wooden object. The גמרא however interprets כפיס to mean half-bricks, made from mortar; not wood. תוספות will resolve this apparent contradiction.

מפרש בגמרא ארחי – The נמרא explains that כפיסין are half-bricks. ססוק has a difficulty; for the ר"י has a difficulty; for the ססוק

יעננה במיס - 'And a כפיס from a tree will answer him' השמע שהוא של עץ – this implies that a כפיס is made from wood. It is not part

אומר רבינו יצחק דשמא – and the ר"י says that perhaps

they would place wood above and below the – היו מניחין עצים למעלה ולמטה bricks (to frame them, etc.) Therefore there is no contradiction from the ספום. The ספום says that the כפיס brick will respond from within its wooden frame.

are half bricks. They are used to construct a wall within a wooden framework. The ססוק states that the half brick כפיס will call out from its wooden framework to respond to the stone.

#### Thinking it over

Why did not חוספות ask his question later in the גמרא; when the גמרא interprets ארחי to mean ארחי? Why is תוספות asking his question in the משנה, before we are certain what כפיסין are?!

"ה אריה there רש"י See, דף ג

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