

## אמר רחבא אמר רבי יהודה - רבי יהודה said in the name of רחבא

### OVERVIEW

The גמרא cites a statement from רחבא in the name of רבי יהודה. Seemingly<sup>1</sup> he was referring to his רבי the יהודה רב אמורא (who was a תלמיד of רב ושמואל) who lived in בבל. The term רבי is reserved for תנאים or the אמוראים who lived in א"י.<sup>2</sup> Why is it that רחבא referred to רב יהודה as רבי יהודה? תוספות explains.



לפי שהיה רבו מובהק<sup>3</sup> קרי ליה רבי:

Since רב יהודה was the master teacher of רחבא, therefore רחבא referred to him as רבי (and not [merely] as רב).

### SUMMARY

רב יהודה, the אמורא was the רבו מובהק of רחבא; therefore רחבא referred to him as רבי.

### THINKING IT OVER

Why would רחבא refer to רב יהודה as רבי יהודה, when that may be misleading us into thinking that he is referring to a different רבי יהודה from א"י?<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See however ביצה יא,ב ד"ה ורחבא in רש"י and דף נב,ב בד"ה רבי יהודה later on רש"י.

<sup>2</sup> The rule is that סמיכה can be given only in א"י. Therefore the תנאים ואמוראים who lived in א"י (and received סמיכה) were called with the (more) honorary רבי; while the אמוראים from בבל who could not receive סמיכה were called (merely) רב.

<sup>3</sup> רוב חכמתו is a reference to the teacher from whom one learned רבו מובהק.

<sup>4</sup> Namely רש"י (footnote # 1). רבינו הקדוש; ר' יהודה נשיאה.