

## **In the Temple Mount it is always secular – בהר הבית לעולם חולין –**

### **OVERVIEW**

The משנה teaches that any monies found on the הר הבית are חולין; we are not concerned that it may be מעשר שני money. The reason is that we follow the majority. The majority of monies at large are חולין money and not מעשר שני money.



asks: תוספות

**מקשה רבינו יצחק היאך נמצאו שם –**

**The ר"י has a difficulty! How were monies found on the הר הבית –**

**הא אמר בפרק הרואה (ברכות סב,ב) לא יכנס בהר הבית במעות הצרורות בסדינו –**

**For the ר"י in בר"ת teaches, 'one should not enter the הר הבית with monies that are tied in his cloak'. Since it is forbidden to enter the הר הבית with money, presumably none should be found there.<sup>1</sup>**

answers: תוספות

**ואומר רבינו יצחק דאינו אסור אלא היכא דנושאן בפרהסיא בסדינו –**

**And the ר"י answers; that it is not forbidden (to enter the הר הבית with money) unless if he carries it publicly in his cloak –**

**דגנאי הוא דנראה כהולך שם לסחורה אבל בצינעא לא:**

**For it is shameful to do so in the הר הבית for it appears as if he is going to the הר הבית to conduct business (that it is why it is forbidden to publicly display money) however if the monies are hidden, there is no prohibition. It is now understood that monies can be brought (and lost and found) in the הר הבית; when they are hidden from sight.**

### **SUMMARY**

Monies may not be displayed in the הר הבית, but may be brought there discreetly.

### **THINKING IT OVER**

According to the הו"א (and [even] the מסקנא) of תוספות, how did the בני" bring their <sup>2</sup>?! ביהמ"ק which was in the לשכה מחצית השקל

<sup>1</sup> Even though there is a possibility that someone (inadvertently) entered the הר הבית with money (which was lost and later found). However from the expression of the משנה which states 'בהר בית לעולם חולין', it seems it was a common occurrence. Seemingly this cannot be, since it is אסור. [See (however) פנ"י.]

<sup>2</sup> See תוספות הרא"ש here as well as תוספות הרשב"א and תוספות ב"מ כו,א ד"ה בהר.