

עשויין להתכבד בכל יום – Are accustomed to be swept every day

OVERVIEW

(during the רגלים) explained the reason why monies which were found in ירושלים are מעשר is because the streets of ירושלים were swept daily, therefore all the coins of חולין (which were prevalent during the entire year) were swept away and these found coins during the רגלים are מעשר.¹ This presumes that (mere) תוספות is capable of ridding the streets of whatever litter is to be found. finds a contradiction to this presumption and resolves it.



asks: תוספות

קשה לרבינו יצחק דמסקינן בפרק דם הנדה (נדה נו,ב ושם) –

The ר"י has a difficulty; for the גמרא concludes in פרק דם הנדה –

גבי שרץ שנמצא במבוי אין חזקתו מתכבד אלא על ידי בדיקה² –

Concerning a שרץ which was found in a מבוי; that it is not presumed that the שרץ was swept away unless the מבוי was specifically searched for שרצים. This seemingly contradicts this משנה which maintains that sweeping alone is sufficient to remove all the previously lost coins.

answers: תוספות

ותירץ דשרץ שהוא בכעדשה אין חזקתו כל כך מתכבד כמו במעות:

And the ר"י answered that a שרץ which can be מטמא even it is as small as a lentil (which is [much] smaller than a coin) is indeed not as presumed to be swept away (if no care was taken to search for it), as it is by money, which is much larger than a lentil, and is presumed to be removed by sweeping alone (even) without checking.

SUMMARY

Sweeping is sufficient to rid the streets of coins but not of small שרצים.

THINKING IT OVER

Why cannot תוספות question be answered as follows; granted that sweeping is no guarantee that all coins were removed (as we see by the שרצים), however sufficient coins are removed to enable the מעשר to be the רוב during the רגלים!

¹ רש"י ד"ה בהר.

² The משנה there (נו,א) states that if a שרץ was found in a מבוי, it is מטמא all the טהרות that were in that מבוי retroactively until the previous time the מבוי was checked or swept (and found to be clear of שרצים). The גמרא concludes that sweeping alone is insufficient; it is necessary that the מבוי was (also) checked for שרצים when it was swept.