

Without that *Mitzvoh*

בלא אותה מצוה -

Overview

The גמרא concluded that one who holds a ספר תורה bare-handed will be buried without that מצוה. Our תוספות explains what is meant by 'that מצוה'.

אם אוחזו ללמוד בו אין לו שכר של אותו לימוד ואם בשביל לגוללו אינו מקבל שכר על הגלילה:
If he is holding the ספר bare-handed in order to learn in it, he does not have the reward for that learning,¹ and if he is holding it in order to scroll it he does not receive reward for the scrolling.

Summary

Holding a ספר ערום will prevent one from receiving any reward even for learning or גלילה with that ספר.

Thinking it over

What will be in a case where he was גולל the תורה while he was ערום, but then read in it not ערום, will he lose the שכר for the גלילה only, or also for the קריאה, since the קריאה was a result of the גלילה done ערום?²

¹ What is teaching that not only does he not receive שכר for holding the תורה (in a case where the תורה needs holding) for that is not specific to ס"ת but any time a מצוה is not preformed properly he will not receive the (proper) reward. Rather תוספות is teaching that even if he is doing another מצוה besides holding the תורה, like learning or גלילה, he will not receive reward even for this other מצוה. See בלא ד"ה לב, א תוס' מגילה לב, א ד"ה בלא.

² See יד דוד (בתרא).