

He did not learn the *Gzayroh Shoh'voh*

גזירה שוה לא גמיר –

OVERVIEW

(since the מקושש עצים as the צלפחד for singling out ר' עקיבא chastised ר' יהודה בן בתירא the תורה concealed his identity). The גמרא asked, but ר"ע derived it from a ש"ג (so it cannot be considered concealed). The גמרא answered that ריב"ב was not taught this ש"ג.¹ Our תוספות resolves an apparent difficulty.

תוספות asks:

ואם תאמר וליגמר מרבי עקיבא שהוא קבלה מרבו² –

And if you will say; but let ריב"ב learn this ש"ג from ר"ע, who received it from his teacher –

תוספות answers:

ואומר רבינו תם שהיה להם בקבלה מנין גזירות שוה שבכל התורה -

And the ר"ת says they each had a tradition the amount of ש"ג that are expounded in the entire תורה -

וזו היתה יתירה על החשבון לפיכך לא קיבלה:

And this ש"ג, were it to be expounded, was one more than ריב"ב's total, therefore ריב"ב did not accept it.

SUMMARY

The תנאים had a tradition of how many ש"ג there are in the entire תורה.

THINKING IT OVER

Did ר"ע have the same number of ש"ג as ריב"ב, or not?³

¹ See רש"י ד"ה ואלא (that a person cannot make up his own ש"ג, rather he must have received it from his teacher).

² ר"ע received this ש"ג from his teacher; so ריב"ב instead of chastising ר"ע, should have accepted this ש"ג from him.

³ See מהר"ם.