

## **The jealousy of teachers increases wisdom – קנאת סופרים תרבה חכמה**

### **OVERVIEW**

ר' יוסף said that even though ר' הונא maintains that a miller in a מבוּי can prevent another מבוּי בן from opening a competing mill, nevertheless regarding teaching children, there is no right to prevent another teacher from teaching, because the jealousy among the teachers of each other will bring an increase of wisdom to the children. There is another גירסא which תוספות rejects.

ולא גרסינן כמו שיש בספרים<sup>1</sup> -

And we are not גורס the way it is in other texts, namely -

דאמר<sup>2</sup> מר עזרא תיקן להם לישראל שיהו מושיבין סופר בצד סופר -

For the master said, 'עזרא instituted for the Jewish people that they should place a teacher next to a teacher'; תוספות explains why this גירסא is incorrect -

דהא לא חשיב ליה במרובה<sup>3</sup> (בבא קמא דף פב,א) גבי עשר תקנות שתיקן:

For the גמרא does not mention this enactment of עזרא among the ten enactments which עזרא instituted.

### **SUMMARY**

עזרא did not enact that they should place one teacher next to another.

### **THINKING IT OVER**

If we would assume that there was such a תקנת עזרא to place סופר בצד סופר, would that not contradict what we learnt previously that it was גמלא בן יהושע who instituted that there be מלמדי תנוקות, but according to this גירסא it had already begun by עזרא (יהושע בן גמלא who lived much before עזרא)?!

<sup>1</sup> This is the גירסא (in parenthesis) on the very bottom of the previous עמוד ב'.

<sup>2</sup> According to this (rejected) גירסא the reason for the ruling of ר"ה regarding דרדקי מלמד is based on this עזרא.

<sup>3</sup> The גמרא there enumerates ten תקנות which עזרא enacted, and this (שיהו מושיבין סופר בצד סופר) is not one of them.