

Summary of Contents

This issue, the tenth issue of Netuim, presents articles dealing with a broad spectrum of issues related to the study of Torah Sheb'al-Peh, ranging from the Mishnah to latter-day authorities. This diversity is typical of the aims of this journal - publication of early manuscripts, studies of talmudic texts, and investigations of the writings of early and late rabbinic authorities.

The first article, by N. Braverman, deals with the language of the Mishnah: in several places the Mishnah employs biblical language usages rather than the characteristic forms of rabbinic Hebrew. Braverman notes the characteristics of this phenomenon and proposes explanations for its use.

H. Yechieli notes a structural feature in the Mishnah. In several instances of disputes revolving around interpretation of biblical verses, the Mishnah offers a full explanation of one of the opinions, omitting the response of the other party to the dispute. Yechieli shows that the following Mishnah units will sometimes indicate the line of interpretation omitted from the presentation of the dispute.

E. Chwat publishes for the first time a Genizah manuscript of the Sheiltot containing citations of the Talmud. The significance of the manuscript is its presentation of textual variants of the Talmud from the geonic period.

A. Cohen discusses the Halacha of menstrual sensation. Following a line of thought suggested by the Noda Biyehudah, he attempts to trace the source of this Halacha.

A further first publication of a manuscript appears in this issue. U. Fuchs publishes a manuscript of the book *Ha-Hilluqim bein Benei Erez-Yisrael le-Benei Bavel*, and examines the nature of this manuscript.

A. Reiner examines the positions of four authorities regarding the permissibility of celebrating a Bat-Mitzvah. He analyzes the position of R. Yaakov Ettlinger, the author of the *Aruch La-Ner*, discusses a responsum of Rav Moshe Feinstein that has not been discussed previously, and examines the nature of the considerations put forward by Rav Yehiel Yaakov Weinberg and Rav Ovadiah Yosef.

B. Gesundheit deals with Rav Kook's interpretation of R. Yishmael's dictum: "...from here we derive that permission is granted to the doctor to heal". He demonstrates that this interpretation is an original combination of different explanations of the dictum, together with Rav Kook's own unique additional ideas.

A. Walfish's survey of recent publications in the field of Mishnah closes this issue.

Appended to this issue is an index of authors and articles published in the first ten issues of Netuim.

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