

GEMARAH TERMS

Sh'eila Word

מנא הני מילי
(מה"מ)

"FROM WHERE ARE THESE WORDS...?"

This term is used when the Gemarah wants to know the source for something that was just said

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GEMARAH TERMS

Mishnah/Beraisah Word

תנו רבנן (ת"ר)

**OUR RABBIS HAVE TAUGHT
[in a Baraisah]**

*This term is used to introduce a Baraisah;
When prefixed with the letter "ת," it serves to
introduce a proof Baraisah*

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Kushiya Word

איני

"IS THAT SO?"

*After the Gemarah makes a statement,
it will often challenge the statement from
another source, first asking - איני?*

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GEMARAH TERMS

Kushiya Word

והא

A SPOKEN QUESTION MARK

This word, or prefix, is used to introduce a challenge or a question (i.e. והתדנן, והאמר)

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

לא קשיא
(ל"ק)

"IT IS NOT A QUESTION.."

*This terms introduces an answer to a challenge
- generally a solution to a contradiction*

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

וְלֹא פִּלְגֵי

"IT IS NOT AN ARGUMENT.."

This terms is used to explain why two seemingly arguing positions are actually in accordance with one another - but referring to different circumstances

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GEMARAH TERMS

Statement Word

אֵי תָמַר

"IT WAS SAID..."

This word is used to introduce a statement made by an Amora. Afterwards, the Gemarah will analyze the statement.

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GEMARAH TERMS

Statement Word

אמר מר

"THE MASTER SAID"

This word is used when a Mishnah or a Beraisah was quoted earlier, and now the Gemarah would like to go back and discuss that Mishnah for its own sake.

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Question Word

אִיבְעִיא לְהוּ

"THEY ASKED A QUESTION"

This term is used when the Amoraim ask about something such as what the halacha is in a certain case out the details of the case that a Mishnah is speaking about

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Proof Word

תָּא שְׁמַע

"COME AND HEAR (a proof...)"

This term is used when the Gemarah introduces a proof to something it is unsure about. The proof is usually brought from a Mishnah or a Beraisah

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GEMARAH TERMS

Statement Word

לא שנה

IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Gemarah will point out that a certain halacha in a Mishnah is equally applicable in two different circumstances

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Un-Proof Word

לעולם

"REALLY..."

This terms is used to reinstate a step that got knocked off by a challenge (really what was said in the previous step must be true!)

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GEMARAH TERMS

Kushiya Word

בשלמא

"IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE..."

This term is used when the Gemarah points out what makes sense using the word בשלמא, then proceeds to explain why it makes sense

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GEMARAH TERMS

Question Word

מאי דכתיב

"WHAT DOES THE VERSE MEAN..."

When the Gemarah is trying to understand the deeper meaning of a verse, or extrapolate a law from a specific verse in the Torah, it will first ask

מאי דכתיב...

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Answer Word

קא משמע לון

"THEREFORE, THIS WAS NECESSARY.."

קא משמע לון is used to start an explanation of why a previous statement was necessary.

This usually follows a פשיטא question.

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Kushiya Word

פשיטא?

"ISN'T THIS OBVIOUS?"

This term is used when a Tanna or Amora teaches something that seems obvious. This is a Kushiya because the Tanna'im and Amora'im generally don't say anything necessary.

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GEMARAH TERMS

Kushiya Word

אֵלָא מַעַתָּה

"BUT IF THIS IS TRUE..."

This term is used when an Amora points out that if the previous statement in the Gemarah were true, it would present a problem

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

חסורי מחסרה

"THERE ARE MISSING WORDS..."

The Gemarah will sometimes point out that a Mishnah had some words omitted from it for the sake of brevity or making the beginning and end of a Mishnah parallel in style

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

הכא...התם

"OVER HERE...OVER THERE..."

The Gemarah will use these two terms to compare two different circumstances, often answering what seems to be a contradiction between two different laws

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GEMARAH TERMS

Kushiya Word

וּרְמִינָהּ

"THE GEMARAH ASKS
A CONTRADICTION"

This term is used when an Amora points out a contradiction between two Tannaic sources

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

איבעית אימא

**"OR IF YOU WANT TO SAY.."
(another answer...)**

This term introduces a second possible answer to a Kushiya

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

אִי לִימָא

"IF YOU WANT TO SAY..."

The Gemarah uses this term to present a possible answer, but will often immediately reject it

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GEMARAH TERMS

Answer Word

וְצָרִיכָא

"AND IT IS NECESSARY (*to teach*)..."

The teaching that we thought was unnecessary is necessary because it is introducing a different situation that wasn't previously discussed

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GEMARAH TERMS

Statement Word

מה...אף

"JUST LIKE THIS...SO TO THAT.."

*The Gemarah will use these two words
to compare, or equate, two differen
circumstances
to one another"*

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GEMARAH TERMS

Proof Word

תניא נמי הכי

"WE ALSO TAUGHT IN A BARAISAH"

This is used when the Gemarah brings a Brash that says that same thing as something said, which is a proof that it is correct.

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GEMARAH TERMS

Statement Word

גוּפָא

"IT WAS PREVIOUSLY STATED"

When this terms is used, it means that a quote brought earlier will not become the main topic.

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