



הַלָּכָה of the Week

~ שְׁמִירַת הַלָּשׁוֹן ~

לִשְׁוֹן הָרַע to a Group of People

You are forbidden to speak לִשְׁוֹן הָרַע either to a single individual or to a group. The larger the group that hears your הָרַע the worse your sin, since the victim of your words will be seen in a negative way by all of those people. Furthermore, a larger number of people have sinned through hearing your לִשְׁוֹן הָרַע.

Mr. Greenfield delivered a speech to a large crowd and in his speech he mentioned a few of Mr. Levine's faults. The size of Mr. Greenfield's sin will be equal to the number of people present.

פְּרָקִי אֲבוֹת of the Week

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כֹּה הוּא תִּיהָ אֹמֵר, בֵּין חֲמִשׁ שָׁנִים לְמִקְרָא, בֵּין עֶשֶׂר לְמִשְׁנָה, בֵּין שְׁלֹשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה לְמִצְוֹת, בֵּין חֲמִשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה לְתַלְמוּד, בֵּין שְׁמוֹנֶה עֶשְׂרֵה לְחֻפָּה, בֵּין עֶשְׂרִים לְרִדּוּף, בֵּין שְׁלֹשִׁים לְבֵית, בֵּין אַרְבָּעִים לְבִינָה, בֵּין חֲמִשִּׁים לְעֵצָה, בֵּין שִׁשִּׁים לְזִקְנָה, בֵּין שִׁבְעִים לְשִׁיבָה, בֵּין שְׁמוֹנִים לְגִבּוֹרָה, בֵּין תְּשָׁעִים לְשׁוֹחַ, בֵּין מֵאָה כְּאֵלֹי מֵת וְעֹבֵר וְכֵטֵל מִן הָעוֹלָם:

He (Yehudah Ben Teima) used to teach:

A **five-year-old** should already have started to study the *Tanach*.

A **ten-year-old** should already have started to study *Mishnah*.

A **thirteen-year-old** is an adult and is required to keep all the *mitzvot*.

A **fifteen-year-old** should already have started to study *Gemara*.

An **eighteen-year-old** has reached the age to **marry**.

A **twenty-year-old** begins to earn a **livelihood**.

A **thirty-year-old** has reached his **full strength**.

A **forty-year-old** has reached the age of **understanding**.

A **fifty-year-old** has reached the age of **giving advice**.

A **sixty-year-old** has reached the age of **wisdom**.

A **seventy-year-old** has reached a **ripe old age**.

An **eighty-year-old** has reached the age of **spiritual strength**...

