



Back to Shabbat

- Rabbi Yochanan's position
 - V1: Rav Yaakov bar Idi said that Rabbi Yochanan ruled (*hora'ah*) in Tzidon to prohibit
 - Q: Doesn't *hora'ah*¹ usually apply to leniencies?²
 - A: Not necessarily; look at these examples:
 - 1: Nazir 19b – Chachamim were *moreh* that Queen Helene needed to be a nezirah for another 7 years because she observed her first 7 years outside of Israel
 - 2: Chullin 45b - Rebbe was *moreh* like Rabbi Yaakov regarding tereifah injuries³
 - Rav Huna disagreed.
 - V2: Rav Nachman bar Yitzchak taught thus: Rabbi Avahu said: Rabbi Yishmael ben Yaakov of Tyre asked Rabbi Yochanan in Tzidon re biah rishonah on Shabbat, and he prohibited it.
- And the law is that it is permitted.⁴

Eight steps to permitting initial relations on Shabbat

- 1: Two concerns – wounding and making an opening
- 2: Rav and Shemuel were both reported as permitting
- 3: Challenges
 - Two challenges to Rav's permission
 - Two challenges to those who prohibit
- 4: Rava says it's a machloket tannaim
 - The permissive view says that wounding/opening is not a guaranteed result
- 5: Can we permit based on the permission to pop a boil? No; they are physically different
- 6: Rabbi Ami and Rabbi Zvid permitted
- Interlude: Yom Tov
- 7: Rabbi Yochanan prohibited (two versions)
- 8: Halachah: We permit

The blessings of sheva berachot⁵

- Rabbi Chelbo/Rav Huna/Rabbi Abba bar Zavda/Rav – Betulah and almanah both require berachot
 - Q: But Rav Huna says there is no berachah for an almanah!
 - A1: Rav Huna said there is a berachah if it is his first marriage, but otherwise not.
 - But Rav Huna learned the requirement of ten for sheva berachot from Boaz/Ruth; it was a second marriage for both!⁶
 - A2: Rav Huna said 7 days if it is a first marriage for one of them, and otherwise 1 day
 - Q: But on 5a we said to arrange wedding dates to ensure that he will gladden her for 3 days; where did 3 come from?
 - A1: If it's not the first marriage for either, then 1 day of berachot, 3 of simchah
 - A2: If it's his first marriage, then 7 days of berachot, 3 of simchah
 - (7b) Q: But a braitah says 7 for betulah and 1 for almanah – isn't the latter case even if it is his first marriage?
 - A: No; the 1 for almanah is where both have been married before.
 - Q: So list all possibilities: betulah 7, bachur/almanah 7, almon/almanah 1?
 - A: It gave the clear cases – betulah is always 7, almanah is at least 1.

¹ The key word for halachic rulings, as in יורה יורה (Sanhedrin 5a)

² And maybe you forgot, and he actually permitted (Shitah Mekubetzet)

³ Why do we need two cases? (Shitah Mekubetzet, Aruch l'Ner Niddah 58a)

⁴ Which is why we can have Friday weddings (Tosafot)

⁵ Note: "Widow" references in the gemara include all second marriages

⁶ See Bava Batra 91a linking Boaz and Ivztan of Shoftim 12:8-10