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Compendium of the Hebrew Language
THE HISTORY OF
LATKES

by Mrs. P. F. Simons of Edgeware

TRADITION has it that 'latkes', a kind of grated potato pancake, should be eaten on that popular minor festival, Chanukah. Despite intensive research, however, I am unable to state with any real certainty or authority the precise origin of this fascinating and succulent food now so firmly established as a 'must' during the Festival of Lights.

Nevertheless, it is an historical fact that Sir Walter Raleigh (yes, the very same gentleman and 'parfait gentil knight' who reputedly won Queen Elizabeth I's favour by spreading his cloak across a muddy paddle in her path) introduced the American plant called the potato, on his estates in Ireland.

'To such odd chance does posterity owe so much—and so many of its delicacies!' Delving much further back into the past—to Maccabean times, it is recounted of Judith, a widow who lived in Bethulia—a town being besieged by the Greek general, Holofernes, that she planned secretly to slay him. She took with her some 'latkes' together with certain cheese and milk foods in her wallet and with these delicacies, Judith tempted the mighty Holofernes. When he had consumed the 'goodies' he became exceedingly thirsty (no doubt because of the salt in the 'latkes') so Judith gave him wine to quench his thirst. Holofernes liked the flavour so much that he continued drinking and pressed for more. Soon he became drunk and fell fast asleep on his couch. Judith who had been waiting with impatience for this moment locked the door, seized his sword from the wall and smote him with it to deadly effect.

Thus the lowly tuber played so high a part in this dramatic episode which resulted in so glorious a victory for the Jews, the liberation of the ancient city of Bethulia and the saving of many lives. Judith lived to be one hundred and five years old and all Israel mourned at her passing.

However, back now from the dim, historical past to this day and age. Although potatoes may not be an ideal dish for 'slimmers' and figure conscious eaters let us throw caution to the winds on the happy occasion of Chanukah, which is primarily a home festival. Let us make and eat latkes galore and revel in this dish which is so particularly Jewish. To this end I am happy to direct your attention to the Cookery Notes in this issue but I disclaim all personal responsibility for any increase in the weight or girth of consumers.

Still, what fun! If it is true that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, then latkes will get there faster. However, a word of warning. When some people see potato latkes, they act as if they have not eaten for a week! "So what?" I can hear you say. "Who cares? The more, the merrier, especially when the recipe comes from our Cookery Expert!"
A mention of my paper on the eating of cheese dishes on Chanukah

e-mail from Mordechai Honig giving source for eating oil dishes on Chanukah
My telephone conversation with the Chief Rabbi of Tzfat on observance of Purim in Tzfat

My telephone conversation with Chief Rabbi of Tiveria on observance of Purim in Tiveria
My telephone conversations with Rabbis from Haifa on observance of Purim in Haifa
The "two-headed" boy

After discussing the laying of the hand on the left-handed and armless men, the King in 35 NBN continues:

"Pelemo asked Rav, 'a person who has two heads, on which of them does he lay Tephillim?" Rav thought he was trying to make fun of him and answered him that he must either leave or be excommunicated.

The 8th brings that one of the reasons for making a person 17l 17 is asking an impossible question (17l 17).

The source of the law in the 8th is the above question by Pelemo (30 lmb, 17l 17).

The King in 35 NBN then continues that meanwhile a man came and said (that his wife) had given birth to a (first-born) son. How much did he gave to give to the 35 to redeem him. The King discusses the three possibilities i.e. nothing - because baby is a 35 (cannot live);
Some of the questions that I asked myself on this subject
29 January 1993

The Editor
Guinness Book of Records
Guinness Superlatives Ltd.
2, Cecil Court
London Road
Enfield
Middlesex

Dear Editor,

I am making a study of Siamese twins who are joined together throughout the trunk.

In your list of Siamese twins, you do not seem to mention the Ruth and Verena Cady twins. I am therefore enclosing an article which appeared on these twins in the Woman’s Own magazine (King’s Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS) of 21 March 1989. As you will see from this article this set of twins even share one heart between them. Unfortunately they died in 1991 and I also enclose a newspaper clipping reporting their death.

Two other cases of such Siamese twins not mentioned ... Two other cases of such Siamese twins not mentioned in your list were born in Bulgaria about January 1981, and in Venezuela in May 1986. The Bulgarian twins had one heart between them, and the Venezuelan ones only two arms between them. I shall try and get you some material on these two cases.

In your book of records, you quote a number of other cases of such twins. I would therefore be most grateful if you could please let me have further references and any other information that you may possess on all these sets of twins.

With my best thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.) Chaim Simons
21 October 1998

The Faculty of Medical and Pharmaceutical Science
Hiroshima University
1-2-3 Kasumi Minami-Ku
Hiroshima-Shi
Hiroshima 734
Japan

Dear Sir,

Could you please send me a photocopy of the following article, which I require for my research.

Title of article: A study on dicephalic monsters, especially with regard to embryopathology.

Authors: Miyabara S., Okamoto N., Akimoto N., et al.


This journal does not seem to be available in Israel, and the Embassy of Japan in Israel suggested that I approach your University.

With my best thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.) Chaim Simons
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Xiphoomphaloischiopagus Tripus conjoined twins: successful separation following abdominal wall expansion.
J. Pediat Surg 26: 26-29; 1991

Higgins CR, Gavara H, Stringer M, Spitz L, Leigh IM
Use of two-stage keratinocyte-dermal grafting to treat the separation site in conjoined twins.

Spitz L, Stringer MD, Kiley EM, Ransley PG, Smith P
Separation of brachio-theraco-omphalo-schiopagus bipus conjoined twins

Conjoined twins
Spitz L

Surgery for conjoined twins: contemporary approach at Great Ormond Street Hospital
Spitz L

Separation of thoraco-omphaloischiopagus conjoined twins with complex hepatobiliary anatomy
Spitz L, Crabbe DCG, Kiley EM

Differential energy metabolism in conjoined twins
Powis M, Spitz L, Pieter A
### Summary I prepared of dicephalus twins born in different parts of the world

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Conjoined Twins/Legal Status

In the United States are conjoined twins viewed as one or two individuals? For example, are they each given a social security number or do they share one?

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Blake [User:70.159.43.66] [User:70.159.43.66] 18:53, 17 May 2006 (UTC)

In Jewish law, DICAPHALUS conjoined twins (twins with two heads on one body) are considered to be ONE individual. Yes they are viewed as to separate people.

Would the person who mentioned dicaphalus and Jewish law please sign his/her comment and cite a source, as the comment appears to me to be very odd considering the general tenets of Jewish law. [User:Loomia5] [User:Loomia5] 11:44, 19 May 2006 (UTC)

Answer to Loomia5:
The source in the Gemara, Menachot 37a: "Felelo inquired of Rabbi Yehudah Hakkoli: 'If a man has two heads, on which one must he place the Tefillin?"' The language of the Gemara clearly shows that such a dicaphalus "twin" is regarded as one person. Furthermore if this dicaphalus "twin" was regarded as two people, the question would be superfluous - Tefillin would have to be placed on BOTH heads.

I have just finished a detailed research paper (in Hebrew) on this question and I intend putting a copy of it online.

Rabbi Dr. Chaim Simons (P.O. Box 1775, Kiryat Arba 80100, Israel)

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Edit summary:
" Conjoined Twins/Legal Status "


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Chaim Simons

Dear Professor Gemboli,

Towards the end of 1998, you operated on dicaphalus twins in a hospital in Tokyo by removing one of the heads.

Has any paper been published in the Medical Journals on this operation? If so can you please let me have a reprint

With thanks

Dr. Chaim Simons

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Dr. Chaim Simons
Chaim Simons <chaimsimons@gmail.com>

re: your excellent article on conjoined twins
4 messages

saraneddie@optonline.net <saraneddie@optonline.net> Sun, May 12, 2013 at 8:53 PM

To: chaimsimons@gmail.com

Dear Dr. Simons,

I thoroughly enjoyed your excellent article on conjoined twins.

Baruch shekivanti, I wrote a very similar article, which I link below. I wish I had known, we could have corresponded.


Have you written anything else in the area of medical halakhah or medical history?

Kol Tuv,

Eddie Reichman