

SECRET VAGINAS OF JUDIASM

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GYNAE ANATOMY IN JUDIASM

- Hetero-normative and cis-normative

A Jewish Wedding

Jozef Israëls, 1903

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“be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:28)

*Expulsion of Adam and Eve
Folio from a Falnama (Book of omens)
Iran, mid 1550s*

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NIDDAH

19 ואִשָּׁה כִּי־תִהְיֶה זֹכָה דָם יִהְיֶה זֹכָה בְּבִשְׂרָהּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תִּהְיֶה בְּנִדְתָּהּ וְכָל־הַנִּגָּע בָּהּ וְטָמְא עַד־הָעֶרֶב:

When a woman has a discharge, her discharge being blood from her body, she shall remain in her impurity seven days; whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁכַּב עָלָיו בְּנִדְתָּהּ וְטָמְא וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־תִּשָּׁב עָלָיו וְטָמְא:

Anything that she lies on during her impurity shall be unclean; and anything that she sits on shall be unclean.

21 וְכָל־הַנִּגָּע בְּמִשְׁכַּבָּהּ וְכִבְּס בְּגָדָיו וְרִחִץ בַּמַּיִם וְטָמְא עַד־הָעֶרֶב:

Anyone who touches her bedding shall wash his clothes, bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening;

22 וְכָל־הַנִּגָּע בְּכָל־כְּלִי אֲשֶׁר־תִּשָּׁב עָלָיו וְכִבְּס בְּגָדָיו וְרִחִץ בַּמַּיִם וְטָמְא עַד־הָעֶרֶב:

and anyone who touches any object on which she has sat shall wash his clothes, bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening.

23 וְאִם־עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּב הוּא אֹו עַל־הַכְּלִי אֲשֶׁר־הוּא יִשְׁבַת־עָלָיו בְּנִגְעוֹבוֹ וְטָמְא עַד־הָעֶרֶב:

Be it the bedding or be it the object on which she has sat, on touching it he shall be unclean until evening.

24 וְאִם־שָׁכַב יִשְׁכַּב אִישׁ אִתָּהּ וְתִהְיֶה נִדְתָּהּ עָלָיו וְטָמְא שִׁבְעַת יָמִים וְכָל־הַמִּשְׁכָּב אֲשֶׁר־יִשְׁכַּב עָלָיו וְטָמְא: (פ)

And if a man lies with her, her impurity is communicated to him; he shall be unclean seven days, and any bedding on which he lies shall become unclean.

25 וְאִשָּׁה כִּי־יִזְבַּח זֹבֵב דָּמָהּ יָמִים רַבִּים בְּלֹא עֵת־נִדְתָּהּ אֹו כִּי־תִזְבַּח עַל־נִדְתָּהּ כָּל־יְמֵי זֹבֵב טָמְאָתָהּ כִּי־מִי נִדְתָּהּ תִּהְיֶה טָמְאָה הוּא:

When a woman has had a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her impurity, or when she has a discharge beyond her period of impurity, she shall be unclean, as though at the time of her impurity, as long as her discharge lasts.

26 כָּל־הַמִּשְׁכָּב אֲשֶׁר־תִּשְׁכַּב עָלָיו כָּל־יְמֵי זֹכָהּ כְּמִשְׁכַּב נִדְתָּהּ יִהְיֶה־לָּהּ וְכָל־הַכְּלִי אֲשֶׁר תִּשָּׁב עָלָיו טָמְא יִהְיֶה כְּטָמְאָתָהּ נִדְתָּהּ:

Any bedding on which she lies while her discharge lasts shall be for her like bedding during her impurity; and any object on which she sits shall become unclean, as it does during her impurity:

27 וְכָל־הַנִּגָּע בָּם וְטָמְא וְכִבְּס בְּגָדָיו וְרִחִץ בַּמַּיִם וְטָמְא עַד־הָעֶרֶב:

whoever touches them shall be unclean; he shall wash his clothes, bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening.

28 וְאִם־טִהַרְתָּה מִזֹּכָה וְסִפְרָה לָּהּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים וְאַחַר תִּטְהַר:

When she becomes clean of her discharge, she shall count off seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי תִקַּח־לָּהּ שְׁתֵּי תְרִים אֹו שְׁנֵי בְּנֵי יוֹנָה וְהִבִּיאָה אוֹתָם אֶל־הַכֹּהֵן אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד:

On the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, and bring them to the priest at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

30 וְעָשָׂה הַכֹּהֵן אֶת־הַקָּאֵד חֲטָאת וְאֶת־הַקָּאֵד עֹלָה וְכִפָּר עָלֶיהָ הַכֹּהֵן לִפְנֵי יְהוָה מִזֹּב טָמְאָתָהּ:

The priest shall offer the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering; and the priest shall make expiation on her behalf, for her unclean discharge, before the LORD.

31 וְהִזְרַתֶם אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִטָּמְאָתָם וְלֹא יָמָתוּ בְּטָמְאָתָם בְּטָמְאָם אֶת־מִשְׁכְּנֵי אֲשֶׁר בְּתוֹכָם:

You shall put the Israelites on guard against their uncleanness, lest they die through their uncleanness by defiling My Tabernacle which is among them.

32 זֹאת תּוֹרַת הַזָּב וְאֲשֶׁר תִּצָּא מִמֶּנּוּ שִׁכְבַת־זָרַע לְטָמְאָה־בָּהּ:

Such is the ritual concerning him who has a discharge: concerning him who has an emission of semen and becomes unclean thereby,

33 וְהַדָּוָה בְּנִדְתָּהּ וְהַזָּב אֶת־זֹבָו לְזָכָר וְלְאִישׁ וְאֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכַב עִם־טָמְאָה: (פ)

and concerning her who is in menstrual infirmity, and concerning anyone, male or female, who has a discharge, and concerning a man who lies with an unclean woman.

WOMAN AT A MIKVEH

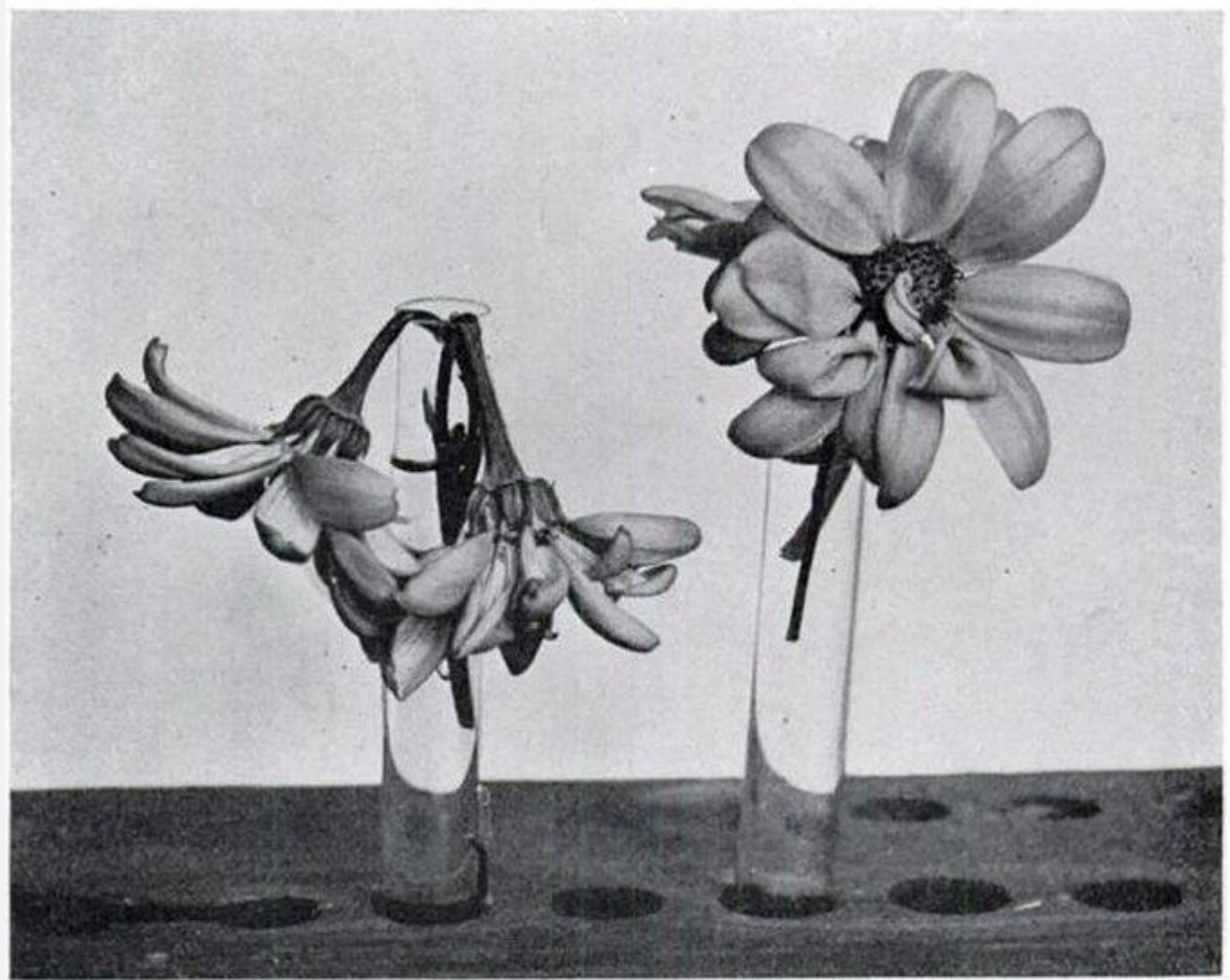
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19 | MORNING SERVICE

Men say:

Blessed are You, LORD our GOD, King of the Universe, who has not made me a woman.

Women say:

Blessed are You, LORD our GOD, King of the Universe, who has made me according to His will.

תפילת שחרית לכל יום

Men say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁלֹא עָשִׂיתָ אִשָּׁה.

Women say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ כְּרִצּוֹנִי.

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ISHTAR

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Book of Jeremiah

19 The women added, "When we burned incense to the Queen of Heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did not our husbands know that we were making cakes impressed with her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?"

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HOW TO SAY CLITORIS IN HEBREW?

suff. **יָסִי**.]

דַּבְּרָן m.n. PBH 1 talkative, loquacious person. 2 MH eloquent speaker. [Formed from **דָּבַר** (= he spoke), Pi. of **דָּבַר**, with agential suff. **יָסִי**. cp. JAram. **דַּבְּרָנָא** (= speaker), which exactly corresponds to Heb. **דַּבְּרָן**.] Derivatives: **דַּבְּרָנִי**, **דַּבְּרָנוּת**.

דַּבְּרָנוּת f.n. NH 1 loquacity. 2 eloquence. [Formed from **דַּבְּרָן** with suff. **וּת**.]

דַּבְּרָנִי adj. NH loquacious. [Formed from **דַּבְּרָן** with suff. **יָסִי**.]

דַּבְּרָת f.n. NH excessive talkativeness, logorrhea (psychopathology). [Coined

דַּבְּרָאִי m.n. NH fish breeder. [Nomen opificis formed from **דָּגָה** according to the pattern **פָּעַל**.]

דַּגְדַּג to tickle. [A loan word from Arab. *daghdagha* (= he tickled, titillated).] — Pilp. **דָּגְדַּג** tr. v. MH he tickled. — Pulp. **דָּגְדַּג** NH he was tickled, was titillated. Derivatives: **דַּגְדַּגָּן**, **דַּגְדַּגָּנִי**, **דַּגְדַּגּוּת**.

דַּגְדַּגָּן m.n. NH clitoris. [Formed from **דָּגְדַּג** (see **דַּגְדַּג**) with suff. **יָסִי**.]

דַּגְדַּגָּנִי adj. NH ticklish. [Formed from **דָּגְדַּג** (see **דַּגְדַּג**) with suff. **יָסִי**.]

דַּגְדַּגּוּת m.n. MH tickling, titillation. [Ver-



Kitzler

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German [edit]

Etymology [edit]

From *kitzeln* (“to tickle”) + *-er*.

Pronunciation [edit]

- IPA^(key): /ˈkʰɪtslə/

- Audio 0:00

Noun [edit]

Kitzler *m* (genitive **Kitzlers**, plural **Kitzler**)

- agent noun of kitzeln*; tickler
- (*slang*) clit, clitoris

Declension [edit]

Declension of Kitzler

Synonyms [edit]

- Klitoris *f*

Further reading [edit]

- Kitzler* in *Duden* online

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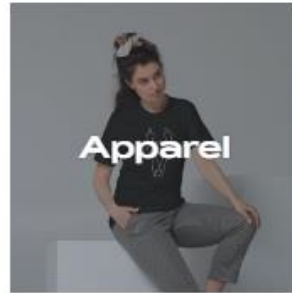
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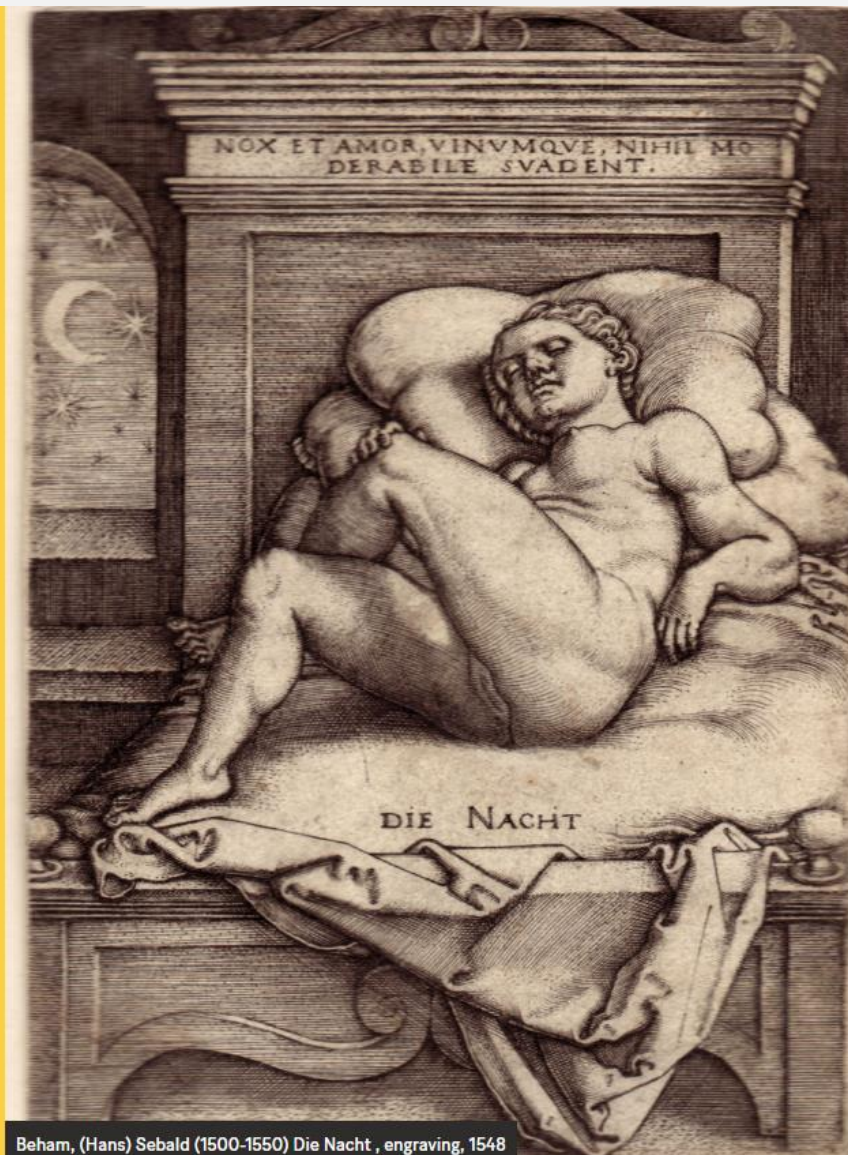
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