**The Place and the Stones**

**If partners should make a partition in a courtyard, they should build the wall in the middle.**

… If *gevil* is used – the one gives three handbreadths, and the other gives three handbreadths.

If *gazith* is used – the one gives two and a half handbreadths, and the other gives two and a half handbreadths.

If *kefissin* are used – the one gives two handbreadths, and the other gives two handbreadths.

If *levenim* are used – the one gives one and a half handbreadths, and the other gives one and a half handbreadths.

**Therefore, if the wall falls the place and the stones belong to both.**

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Now let us read this Mishnah from beginning to end:

It is the tale of a man and a woman betwixt whom a wall fell

making them partners in owning the bare place and the stones

and in the emergent silence, the whole space their playground became.

And now let us go back to the beginning:

If partners should make a partition

the one gives three handbreadths of pain,

and the other gives three handbreadths of pain

(the stones, from this side and that, go back in place)

and the house sitting pretty on its hill.

And the yard – a courtyard.

And the wailing wall rising higher and higher in the middle.