

# Chullin – Simanim

## פרק א – הכל שוחטין

### דף כה – 25 Daf

#### 1. Unfinished wood כלים are not *tumah*, unfinished metal כלים are not

The next Mishnah states that what is *tamei* (i.e., susceptible to *tumah*) regarding wooden כלים is *tahor* regarding metal כלים, and vice versa. A Baraisa explains: גולמי כלי עץ – *unfinished wooden utensils* are *tamei*, but פשוטיהו – *flat* [wooden כלים] are *tahor*. Unfinished metal כלים are *tahor*, and flat metal כלים are *tamei*. Some examples of “unfinished כלים” include those which require polishing, adorning, planning, or lack a base or handle, but are usable for their intended purpose. The Gemara asks why unfinished metal כלים are not *tumah*. Rebbe Yochanan explains: הוּאִיל וּלְכַבּוּד עֲשׂוּיִין – *because they are made for functions of honor*, and are not considered usable until they are complete. Rav Nachman says: הוּאִיל וּדְמִיָּהּ יִקְרִים – *because their value is high*, and are not considered functional before achieving their full value. The Gemara says that a practical difference between these opinions is unfinished עֲצָם – *utensils made of bone*, which are expensive, but are not used for dignified functions. [The Gemara proceeds to prove that bone כלים are susceptible to *tumah*.]

#### 2. *Maaser* obligations of bitter or sweet almonds

The next Mishnah states: הַחֵיִיב בְּשִׂקְדֵי הַמְרִים – *what is obligated* in separating *maaser* in the case of *bitter almonds* פְּטוּר בְּמִתּוֹקִים – *is exempt* in the case of *sweet almonds*, and vice versa. A Baraisa explains that regarding bitter almonds, small ones are obligated in *maaser* while large ones are exempt (because they are generally eaten while small, before they become too bitter). Regarding sweet almonds, the large ones are subject to *maaser*, while the small ones are exempt (because people generally wait until they fully mature). Rebbe Yishmael bar Rebbe Yose quoted his father as saying that both types of almonds (bitter and sweet) are חֵיִיב in *maaser* (when they are small). In another version, he said both types are exempt from *maaser* (when they are large). Rebbe Yochanan explains how large bitter almonds are considered edible: הוּאִיל וְיִכּוּל לְמַתְקֵן עַל יְדֵי הָאוּר – *because one can sweeten them through roasting them on a fire*.

#### 3. Unfermented תַּמְד cannot be purchased with *maaser sheni* money, and disqualifies a *mikveh*

The next Mishnah states: הַתַּמְד עַד שֶׁלֹּא הִחְמִיץ – “*Temed*” (a drink made by soaking grape seeds in water) *which has not yet fermented* מְעַשֵּׂר בְּכֶסֶף מֵעֵשֶׂר – *cannot be purchased with maaser [sheni] money* (i.e., money used to redeem *maaser* produce), וּפּוֹסֵל אֶת הַמִּקְוֵה – *and it disqualifies a mikveh* which lacks forty סָא of rainwater. This תַּמְד is considered water, despite its wine flavor. After fermenting, it is considered wine, and may be purchased with *maaser* money, and would not disqualify a *mikveh*. The Gemara objects from a Mishnah: הַמֵּתַמְד וְנָתַן מִיָּם בְּמִדָּה – *if one steeped sediments and pours a measured amount of water* onto them, וּמְצָא כְּדֵי מִדָּתוֹ – *and he later found the same amount he originally put in*, the Tanna Kamma exempts it from *maaser* (because it is water, since the sediments did not increase its volume). Rebbe Yehudah obligates it in *maaser*, and assumes some of the water was absorbed by the sediments, and was replaced with wine from the sediments. The Gemara assumes that the Rabbonon always consider it water, even after it fermented, and Rebbe Yehudah always considers it wine, even before it fermented; thus, neither Tanna agrees with our Mishnah! Amoraim answer that the *machlokes* is only where it fermented, and our Mishnah follows Rebbe Yehudah.

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### 3 things to remember

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