

## Menachos – Simanim

### פרקי – שתי מדות

#### Daf 92 – דף צב

##### 1. *Machlokes* if the *המשתלח* שעייר atones for Kohanim

The next Mishnah states that all קרבנות הצבור do not require *semichah*, except for the ציבור של פר and פר הולם דבר. Rebbe Shimon says that the שעייר עבודת כוכבים (for the העלם of idolatry) also requires סמיכה. In a Baraisa, Rebbe Shimon argues that סמיכה is always performed by a *korban's* owners, whereas the *semichah* of the שעייר המשתלח is performed by the Kohen Gadol! Rebbe Yehudah (our Tanna Kamma) replies: *אף זה אהרן ובניו מתכפרין בו* – *even with this* [שעייר המשתלח], *Aharon and his sons are atoned* (and are also “owners”). He says a *hekesheh* compares the כפרה of כהנים, לויים, and ישראלים, teaching: *הושוו כולן לכפרה אחת* – *they are all equated for one atonement*, specifically, the כפרה of the שעייר המשתלח for all *aveiros*. But Rebbe Shimon says that just as the וידוי – *confession* recited over the שעייר המשתלח is מכפר for all (other) *aveiros* of non-Kohanim, so too the וידוי over the פר atones for the Kohanim for all *other aveiros*, and they are not included in the שעייר המשתלח's atonement. Rather, they are only “equated” insofar as they are all atoned for all *aveiros*.

##### 2. *Machlokes* if the שעייר עבודת כוכבים requires סמיכה

In the Mishnah, Rebbe Shimon disagreed with the Tanna Kamma and said that a שעייר עבודת כוכבים requires סמיכה. In a Baraisa, Rebbe Yehudah *darshens*: *הפר על ראש הפר* – *the elders of the congregation shall lean their hands on the head of the bull*, teaching that only the פר הולם דבר requires סמיכה, but not the שעייר עבודת כוכבים. In another Baraisa, Rebbe Yehudah says that the word “החי” – *the live* [goat] written about the שעייר המשתלח teaches that only this שעייר requires סמיכה, not שעייר עבודת כוכבים. Rebbe Shimon replies that “החי” teaches that שעייר עבודת כוכבים do not require *semichah* by Aharon (like the שעייר המשתלח), but they do require *semichah* by the זקנים, who are owners. [The Gemara will later present Rebbe Shimon's source that ע”י שעייר require *semichah*.] The Gemara asks why Rebbe Yehudah needs a *passuk* to exclude שעייר עבודת כוכבים from *semichah*, since Ravina taught above that שתי סמיכות בצבור – *there is a tradition that there are two cases of semichah required for a communal korban*, and this is not one of them! It answers: גירסא בעלמא – *it is merely an אסמכתא*, but no *passuk* is actually necessary.

##### 3. *Bechor, maaser, and pesach* do not require סמיכה

The Mishnah concluded that all קרבנות יחיד do not require *semichah*, except for *bechor, maaser, and pesach*. A Baraisa *darshens* the word “קרבנו” – *his sacrifice* written three times in the *pesukim* about שלמים to exclude these three *korbanos* from *semichah*. The Baraisa explains that without a *derashah*, they all should have required *semichah* based on a *kal vachomer* from שלמים: If a *shelamim*, שאין קדושתן מרחם – *whose sanctity is not from the womb*, requires *semichah*, then a *bechor*, which is קדוש from the womb, certainly should have required *semichah*. And if a *shelamim*, שאין מקדשין לפנייהם ולאחרייהם – *which does not sanctify something before and after it*, requires *semichah*, then *maaser*, which sanctifies the animal before and after it (if one mistakenly designated the ninth as “tenth,” the tenth as “ninth,” and the eleventh as “tenth,” they are all קדוש), certainly should have required *semichah*. Finally, if *shelamim*, which one is not required to bring, requires *semichah*, then *pesach*, which is a requirement to bring, certainly should have required *semichah*. The Gemara objects that none of these *korbanos* could have been derived from *shelamim*, which requires נסכים, and waving of the ושוך וזחה! It concludes that these *derashos* are a mere אסמכתא.

##### *Siman* – Turtle (צב)

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### 3 things to remember

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