

Avodah Zarah – Simanim

Daf 68 – סח

פרק ה – השוכר את הפועל

1. Is the *machlokes* of פגם by נותן טעם לפגם, or by מעיקרא?

Amoraim discuss the *machlokes* between Rebbe Meir and Rebbe Shimon if טעם לפגם prohibits a mixture. Ulla says: *the dispute is only where* [the forbidden flavor] first improved the mixture and only eventually harmed it. Because it initially improved the mixture's flavor, Rebbe Meir says the mixture becomes forbidden. *But where it harmed the mixture's flavor from the beginning, all agree the mixture is permitted.* Rebbe Yochanan says: *the dispute pertains to where* [the forbidden flavor] harmed the mixture's flavor from the beginning. The Gemara asks if Rebbe Yochanan meant that all agree that the mixture is forbidden, or that they argue in both cases. Proof is eventually brought from a Baraisa discussing leaven of *terumah* and leaven of *chullin* which fell into a dough, which first leavened it and then overleavened and ruined it. The Gemara states that if the *terumah* fell in first, all agree it is prohibited (since it first improved the dough). This proves their *machlokes* is only by מעיקרא.

2. Rebbe Shimon holds different איסורים do not combine to prohibit a mixture

The above Baraisa taught that if *terumah* leaven and *chullin* leaven fell simultaneously into a dough, and first leavened it and then ruined it, the Rabbonon prohibit the dough, because the prohibited leaven caused the dough to be leavened faster than it would have with only the *chullin* leaven. Rebbe Shimon permits the dough, because although it was first improved, the permitted and prohibited leavens improved it together. The Gemara asks, according to Rebbe Shimon, the permitted and prohibited leavens should combine to prohibit the dough (since the prohibited leaven contributed to its initial improvement)! It answers that Rebbe Shimon is following his view that אפי' איסור ואיסור – *even one prohibition and another prohibition do not combine* to prohibit a mixture. In a Mishnah, the Tanna Kamma says that ערלה and כלאי הכרם (both of which prohibit at a ratio of up to one in two hundred) combine to prohibit a mixture, but Rebbe Shimon says they do not combine to prohibit it, and each element is nullified.

3. Mouse which fell into beer re: נותן טעם לפגם

The Gemara relates an incident in which a mouse fell into a barrel of beer, and the beer absorbed its flavor. Rav prohibited the beer in consumption, and Rav Sheishess was asked if Rav holds נותן טעם – והכא חידוש הוא. He responded that ordinarily, נותן טעם לפגם is permitted. *But here, [the prohibition against eating a mouse] is a novelty, אינשי מיניה – because it is repulsive, and people stay away from eating it on their own, ואפילו הכי אסריה רחמנא, and even so, Hashem prohibited it.* Since the Torah did not need to prevent people from eating it, the prohibition teaches that it prohibits a mixture even though it is נותן טעם לפגם. Rava says the *halachah* is that נותן טעם לפגם is always מותר, even in the case of repulsive שרצים. Therefore, he said he was unsure if Rav's stringent ruling in the case of the mouse in the beer was because he holds נותן טעם לפגם (in which case we do not *pasken* like him), or that he holds the mouse improves the beer's flavor, and the *halachah* could follow him.

Siman – S'chach

At the carnival held in the succah with *s'chach* dripping with *assur vinegar*, the kids were having a blast watching *issur drip into a bowl of food and guessing at what point it was משיב* and then פוגם the food's flavor and watching dough rise from leaven of *terumah* and *chullin* together, when their father said the party's over because a mouse fell into his beer.

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ל"משה בנימין ז' מנחם אברהם בן ר' ל' ובנו ר' מנחם ז' משה בנימין בן ר' ל' לע



At the **נותן טעם לפגם** carnival held in the sukkah with *s'chach* dripping with **אסור** vinegar, the kids were having a blast watching **אסור** drip into a bowl of food and guessing at what point it was **משביח** and then **פוגם** the food's flavor and watching **אסור** rise from leaven of **תרומה** and **חולין** together, when their father said the party's over because a mouse fell into his beer.

3 things to remember

1. **משביח ולבסוף פגם או פגם מעיקרא**
2. **Case of terumah leaven and chullin leaven falling at same time into dough**
3. **Mouse falling into beer**

