

Chullin – Simanim

פרק ב – השוחט

דף לד – Daf 34

1. Rebbe Eliezer' opinion that one becomes as *tamei* as the *tamei* food he eats

On the previous Daf, Rebbe Eliezer says that one who eats food which is *tamei* as ראשון לטומאה becomes himself a ראשון. Similarly, one who eats a שני becomes a שני, and one who eats a שלישי becomes a שלישי. Rebbe Yehoshua disagrees, and says one who eats a ראשון (or a שני) becomes a שני.

Rabbah bar bar Channah relates that Rebbe Eliezer argued: מצינו אוכל חמור מן האוכל – *we find* (in Biblical laws) *that one who eats [tamei food] is [tamei to a] stricter degree than that of the food itself*. Namely, the נבילה of a kosher bird is not *metamei* what it touches, but one who eats this נבילה is *tamei* and is *metamei* his clothing while he is swallowing it. לא נעשה אוכל כמאכל – *And we, who decreed tumah on one who eats tamei food, how can we not make one who eats it at least as [tamei] as the food itself!?* Rebbe Yehoshua replied that we do not derive anything from the נבילה of a kosher bird, דחידוש הוא – *because it is a novelty* (since it is not *metamei* through external touching, but only once it is inside one's body, the opposite of standard *tumah*).

2. Rebbe Yehoshua holds someone becomes a lesser degree of *tumah* than the *tamei* food he ate

Rebbe Yehoshua argues: מצינו שהמאכל חמור מן האוכל – *we find* (in Biblical laws) *that [tamei] food is stricter than one who eats it*, because food becomes *tamei* with a mere כביצה – *egg's volume* of food, yet one who eats *tamei* food only becomes *tamei* if he eats half a פרס (i.e., two eggs). Therefore, we must also make someone who eats *tamei* food a lesser degree of *tumah* than that which he ate (i.e., one who ate a ראשון becomes a שני). Rebbe Eliezer replied that we do not derive laws of *tumah* from שיעורין – *measures* required for becoming *tamei*. Furthermore, if one who eats *tamei* food must be less *tamei* than that which he eats, why does Rebbe Yehoshua himself say that one eats a שני becomes a שני?

Rebbe Yehoshua explained: מצינו שהשני עושה שני ע"י משקין – *we find that a שני makes other food it touches a שני via liquids*, i.e., if a שני touches wet food, the liquid on the surface becomes a ראשון (a unique Rabbinical property of liquids), which in turn renders the food a שני. Since we find a שני making a שני, the same was decreed on one who eats a שני.

3. Eating a שלישי of תרומה על טהרת תרומה disqualifies him from eating *terumah*

Ulla says that if one eats a שלישי of תרומה על טהרת תרומה – *chullin prepared according to the standards of taharah of terumah*, נפסל גופו מלאכול בתרומה – *his body is disqualified from eating terumah*, because he becomes a שלישי. Ulla is challenged from a Mishnah which teaches that שלישי לטומאה is *may be eaten in a stew containing terumah*. This stew must be guarded from *tumah* according to the *taharah* standards of *terumah*, to protect its *terumah* components. If Ulla is correct, that eating a שלישי of תרומה על טהרת תרומה disqualifies him from eating *terumah* (because he becomes a שלישי), *can we feed him something which will disqualify him* as a שלישי? But it is *forbidden* to be *metamei* oneself by eating *tamei* foods! Ulla answered that this case of stew is different, because it does not contain a כזית of *terumah* components בבדי אכילת – *in the volume he would eat within the amount of time one eats a פרס*. Since he would not transgress the full Biblical prohibition of eating *tamei terumah*, this *chullin* need not be guarded according to *terumah* standards.

Siman – Ladder

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