

Menachos – Simanim

פרק יב – המנחות והנסכים

Daf 104 – דף קד –

1. One may donate three, four or six לוגין as wine for נסכים – Question if יש קבע לנסכים

The next Mishnah states that one may only donate נסכים of wine (as an independent *minchah*) in amounts which can be offered together with a *korban*. Therefore, one cannot donate נסכים of one, two, or five לוגין, since no *korban* is brought with these amounts, but one may donate נסכים of three, four, or six לוגין (which parallel the נסכים of a lamb, a ram, and a bull, respectively), or any amount higher than six (which can match a combination of any of the above). The Gemara asks: יש קבע לנסכים – *is there a fixing for nesachim* or not, i.e., is a donation of a certain amount of לוגין fixed to be brought as one offering, or can it be brought separately? Thus, if one donated five לוגין (which is not a legitimate amount for נסכים), then if a *nesachim* donation is not fixed, he would remove and offer four of them (paralleling a ram's נסכים), and the remaining לוג would be used for a voluntary קרבן ציבור (the law for surplus נסכים). If a נסכים of is fixed, then these five לוגין cannot be brought until a sixth is added to them.

2. *Machlokes* if one may donate שמן as an independent offering

In the next Mishnah, Rebbe Akiva says: מתנדבין יין – *one may donate wine* as an independent offering, שמן – *but one may not donate oil* as an independent offering. Rebbe Tarfon says that one may donate שמן alone, reasoning: מה מצינו ביין שהוא בא חובה ובא נדבה – *just as we find about wine that it comes as an obligation* (together with a *korban*) and also as an independent donation, so too שמן which comes as an obligation together with a *korban* may be brought as an independent donation. Rebbe Akiva argues that we cannot compare wine, שכן קרב עם – *which is brought by itself* when offered along with its obligation, with oil, which is not brought by itself when brought along with its obligation, rather, it is combined with flour in a *minchah*. Rava says we can learn from both Tannaim that מתנדב אדם מנחת נסכים בכל יום – *a person may donate a minchas nesachim* every day, even without accompanying a *korban*. The Gemara asks that this seems obvious, and explains that since the Torah only revealed five types of voluntary *menachos*, one might think that other types (such as מנחת נסכים) may not be brought. Rava teaches that one may specify to donate a מנחת נסכים.

3. A poor person who brings a *minchah* is considered נפשו

Rebbe Yitzchak asks, why does the Torah use the term "נפש" – *soul* regarding a voluntary *minchah* ("when a נפש offers a *minchah* to Hashem..."), which it does not use for any other voluntary *korbanos*? He explains that Hashem said: מי דרכו להביא מנחה – *Whose way is it to bring a minchah* (rather than an animal *korban*)? עני – *A poor person*. *I consider it for him as if he offered his own soul before Me*. Rebbe Yitzchak also asks why a *minchah* is unique in having חמשה מיני טיגון – *five different types of fried dishes* (i.e., containing oil)? He explains that it is comparable to a king whose friend prepared a feast for him, but the king knows his friend is poor and cannot afford much. He tells him: עשה לי מן חמשה מיני טיגון כדי שאהנה ממך – *Prepare for me five types of fried dishes, so I will get pleasure from you.*

Siman – Code

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3 things to remember

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2. Machlokes if one may donate שמן as an independent offering
3. A poor person who brings a *minchah* is considered כאלו הקריב נפשו

