

Zevachim – Simanim פרק ח – כל הזבחים

Daf 74 – דף עד

1. A טבעת of avodah zarah which became mixed with others, and one fell into the sea

Rav said: טבעת פולת בוברים שנתערבה במאה טבעות – if a ring used for an idol (and forbidden in benefit) became mixed with a hundred permitted rings, one of which fell into the Mediterranean Sea, they all become permitted, אומיבר – because we say that this ring which fell in is the forbidden one. [Since the forbidden ring was only not סבטל – a d'Rabbonon level, we rule leniently and assume the forbidden ring was destroyed.] This ruling is challenged from our Mishnah, which states that if one prohibited animal was mixed with a thousand korbanos, they must all die. But according to Rav, as soon as one dies, we should assume the forbidden animal died and the rest should be permitted!? The Gemara answers that Rav is following Rebbe Eliezer, who said that if a blemished korban became mixed with valid ones, and the head of one korban was offered on the חבר, the rest of the heads may be offered (because we assume the blemished one was already brought). The Gemara adds that since Rebbe Eliezer himself only permits bringing two heads at a time (since one of them is certainly unblemished), Rav's ruling also means to sell two rings at a time.

2. ספק ספיקא in a case of avodah zarah (mixture of 100 separated into 40 and 60)

Rav said that if a ring of *avodah zarah* became mixed into a hundred rings, and forty of them fell into another group, they do not prohibit the second group. We presume the forbidden ring remained among the other sixty, and once these forty fell into a second group, a ring taken from the mixture is ספק ספיקא – *a double doubt* (i.e., if it came from the original group of forty, and if that group contained the forbidden ring). If the other sixty fell into another group, they do prohibit it, since we assume the ring is among them. Shmuel disagreed: הנח לעבודת בובבים – *leave idolatry* from ruling leniently, שספיקה וספק ספיקה אסורה עד סוף העולם – *because its doubt and double doubt are forbidden forever*. The Gemara challenges Shmuel from a Baraisa which permits ספק ספיק ספיקא pegarding *avodah zarah*, and answers it is a *machlokes* Tannaim, because Rebbe Yehudah said that רמוני באדן, which are never ספיק ספיקא in a mixture, are forbidden even with a ספיק ספיקא. The Gemara notes that Rebbe Yehudah himself rules stringently by all prohibitions, and Shmuel only follows him regarding *avodah zarah*.

3. One sealed terumah barrel mixed into a hundred, and one was opened

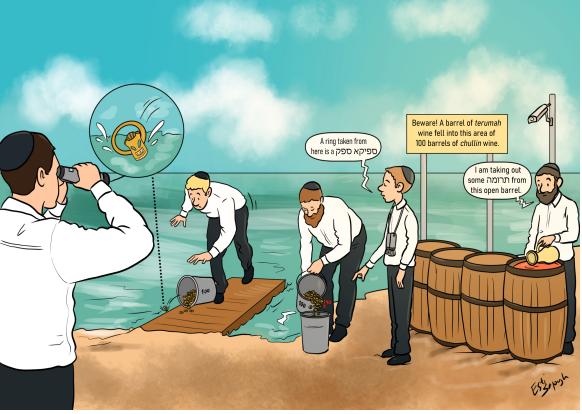
Rebbe Elazar said that if one barrel of *terumah* fell into a hundred barrels of *chullin* (the barrels were sealed, and so the *terumah* was not לבטל), ובער אחד מהן – *one may open one of them,* פותח אחד מהן – *and remove its percentage of mixed terumah* (i.e., 1/101), and the rest of the barrel is permitted. Rav Nachman said: גמע ושתי קא – *I see here one who gulps and drinks!* He may not open a barrel outright in order to nullify it!? Rather, say: חינא הבא – *if one of them was opened* incidentally, one may then remove its percentage of *terumah*, and the rest of the barrel is permitted. In a similar case, Rebbe Oshaya said that if a sealed barrel of *terumah* wine was mixed into a one hundred and fifty *chullin* barrels, and a hundred of them were opened incidentally, he may remove the *terumah* percentage from the open barrels and drink the remainder. Still, the fifty sealed barrels remain prohibited until they are opened, because we do not say איסורא ברובא איתיה – *the prohibition is* presumably *in the majority* of already opened barrels.

Siman - Witness

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