

## Chullin – Simanim

### פרק ב – השוחט

#### Daf 37 – דף לז – דף

##### 1. What movements are required to make the shechitah of a מסוכנת valid?

The next Mishnah states that if one *shechts* מסוכנת – *an animal near death*, Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel says it is not permitted *עד שתפרנס ביד וברגל* – *unless it jerks a foreleg and hindleg*, demonstrating its vitality. Rebbe Eliezer says *דיה אם זינקה* – *it is sufficient if it spouted blood with force when it was shechted*. Rebbe Shimon says that if one *shechted* מסוכנת at night, and the next morning found the “walls” of the cut neck full of blood, the *shechitah* is valid (following Rebbe Eliezer’s opinion). The Chochomim say the animal is not permitted unless it jerked a foreleg or hind leg, *עד שתכשבש בזנבה* – *unless it wags its tail*. This law only applies to a known מסוכנת, but if it was בחזקת *בריאה* – *presumed to be healthy*, it is kosher even without any of these movements. The Gemara will eventually define מסוכנת as *עומדת ואינה עומדת* – *any [animal] that when prompted to stand does not stand*. This is true even if it can eat wood, or even beams.

##### 2. Sources permitting מסוכנת

The Gemara seeks sources that מסוכנת is permitted. It suggests that the fact the Torah specifically prohibited טריפה implies that מסוכנת is permitted (for if מסוכנת, *דלא מחסרא* – *which is not missing* any vital organ, is prohibited, obviously a טריפה is also prohibited). However, the Gemara argues that perhaps טריפה is the same as מסוכנת (i.e., an animal approaching death, not specifically because of a missing organ). The Gemara counters by quoting another *passuk* which teaches that the *נבילה* prohibition and טריפה prohibition each take effect on חלב – *forbidden fat*, despite its already being prohibited. Now, if a טריפה is identical to a מסוכנת, the Torah would not have to teach that *נבילה* takes effect on חלב, and we would say that if the טריפה prohibition takes effect on חלב even while the animal is alive (because of its impending death), certainly *נבילה* takes effect when it actually dies! Since the Torah needed to specifically teach that *נבילה* takes effect on חלב, it proves that טריפה is not identical to מסוכנת, but particular to missing an organ (and different from *נבילה*). Therefore, we revert to our original proof, that the Torah specifically prohibiting טריפה implies that מסוכנת is permitted.

##### 3. Yechezkel refrained from certain permitted foods

The Gemara brings an additional source permitting מסוכנת, from a *passuk* in which יחזקאל expresses his lifelong righteousness. Each phrase is analyzed: “הנה נפשי לא מטומאה” – *behold, my soul has not become unclean* means שלא הרהרתי ביום לבא לידי טומאה בלילה – *that I did not have impure thoughts by day which would bring about tumah (of קרי) by night*. “ונבלה וטרפה לא אכלתי מנעורי” – *I have not eaten neveilah or tereifah from my youth* means שלא אכלתי *בשר כוס כוס מעולם* – *that I have never eaten meat* of an animal about which people exclaimed, “*Shecht, shecht quickly before it dies,*” (i.e., a מסוכנת). “ולא בא בפי בשר פגול” – *Nor did piggul meat enter my mouth* means שלא אכלתי *מבהמה שהורה בה חכם* – *that I did not eat from an animal about which a sage ruled to permit it*, since even a doubt was raised about it. Rebbe Nassan explained this means he never ate from an animal before its מתנות – *gifts* for Kohanim (the זרוע, לחיים, and קיבה) were removed, although it was permitted for him (since he was a Kohen). This proves that a מסוכנת is permitted in consumption, for otherwise Yechezkel’s refraining from it would not demonstrate his greatness.

##### Siman - Laser Tag

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### 3 things to remember

1. What movements are required to make the *shechitah* of a *מסוכנת* valid?
2. Sources permitting *מסוכנת*
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