

Chullin – Simanim

פרק ח – כל הבשר

דף קיב – Daf 112

1. **אגב חורפיה בלע:** Cutting sharp foods with a knife with which meat was cut

Abaye said that the *halachah* is that fish which was placed hot onto a meat plate may be eaten with בותח (because it is ב"ט בר נ"ט). However, if one cut a צנון – *radish* with a knife with which meat was cut, it is prohibited to eat with בותח, because אגב חורפיה בלע – *due to its sharpness, it absorbs* the meat residue on the knife's surface. Rashi adds that even if no residue remains, the radish's sharpness, coupled with the knife's pressure, causes it to absorb a strong meat flavor from the knife. This only applies to a sharp food such as a radish, but if one cut קישות – *squash* with such a knife, גריר לבי פסקיה ואכיל – one may simply *scrape the surface area of the cut and eat* it with בותח, because its sweetness prevents it from absorbing the meat flavor. Turnip stalks cut with such a knife are permitted with בותח, because their sweetness neutralizes the meat flavor. Beet stalks cut with such a knife are prohibited with בותח, because they are sharp. However, if one alternated between cutting beet and turnip stalks, the turnips' sweetness weakens the meat flavor to the extent that even the beets may be eaten with בותח.

2. **אינו נאכל מחמת מלחו** only applies if the food is מליח כרותה

A *shechted* pigeon once fell into a jug of בותח, and Rav Chinana *brei d'Rava* of Pashronya permitted it. Rava commented: מאן חכים למישרי כי האי גוונא – *who is wise enough to permit a case like this*, if not Rav Chinana *brei d'Rava* of Pashronya? He holds that Shmuel's rule, that מליח הרי הוא כרותה – *something salted is like something hot* and transfers flavor, only applies if the food is מליח דאינו נאכל מחמת מלחו – *where it is so salty that it is not eaten due to its saltiness* until it is rinsed with water. Therefore, since בותח is eaten (and is not that salty), it does not transfer flavor to the pigeon. This lenient ruling only applies if the bird was raw, but if it was roasted, the surface area which contacted the בותח absorbed its flavor and must be peeled away. If the roasted pigeon has cracks in it, it is entirely forbidden, and peeling does not suffice. Similarly, if it was seasoned with spices, the meat is softened and absorbs the בותח flavor throughout.

3. **Fish and fowl which were salted together**

Rav Nachman said: דגים ועופות שמלחן זה עם זה אסורין – *fish and fowl which were salted together are forbidden*, i.e., the fish are forbidden because they absorb blood from the fowl. The Gemara clarifies that this cannot refer to salting them in a מנוקב – *an unperforated vessel*, because even birds salted with other birds in such a כלי would be prohibited, because although meat does not absorb blood while emitting it, it can eventually reabsorb the blood after it ceases to exude from the meat. Rather, Rav Nachman's ruling is בכלי מנוקב – *with a perforated vessel*. The fish are nevertheless forbidden קרמיהו – *because their skin is soft*, so קדמי ופלטי – *they hasten to emit* their blood, whereas bird meat is קמיטי – *tight*, and releases its blood more slowly. Therefore, after the fish cease emitting blood, the birds continue to release blood, which the fish absorb, prohibiting them.

Siman – Rubik's Cube

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