

Chullin – Simanim

פרק ט – העור והרוטב

דף קנה – 125 Daf

1. *Tumah* from a sealed קולית – *marrow bone*

The next Mishnah states: קולית המת – regarding *a marrow bone from a dead body*, and *a marrow bone from a korban* [which became נותר], one who touches them, נקובים טמא, *whether they are closed or punctured, is tamei*. Although he cannot touch the marrow inside, the bone of a dead body is itself *metamei* מדאורייתא, and a bone of נותר is *metamei* (one's hands) מדרבנן (to discourage Kohanim from leaving over *korban* meat). Regarding the marrow bone of a נבילה or שרץ, if they are completely closed, one who touches them is *tahor*, but if they are punctured even a minimal amount, one who touches them is *tamei* (even without touching the marrow itself). Since he can touch the marrow (by inserting even a hair through the hole), the bone can transmit the marrow's *tumah* as a שומר. The Mishnah concludes that a sealed bone cannot even convey *tumah* through משא – *carrying*, because משא is written next to מגע, teaching: את שבא לכלל מגע בא לכלל משא – *that which enters the category of tumah through touching also enters the category of tumah through carrying*, but that which cannot be *metamei* through מגע is also not *metamei* through משא.

2. Can a קולית be *metamei* through אהל?

The Mishnah states that the marrow bone of a dead body is *metamei* with מגע, implying that it is not *metamei* through מאהיל – *one who forms a roof* over it. Accordingly, the bone must have less than a כזית of flesh. Furthermore, it cannot contain a כזית of מוח – *marrow* inside, because such enclosed *tumah* is בוקעת ועולה – *breaks through its covering (the bone) and rises*, and would be *metamei* through אהל. Finally, the Gemara asks: if מוח אבר מעליא – *marrow inside a living creature's bone can regenerate flesh outside the bone*, מבפנים מעלה ארוכה מבחוץ – *marrow inside a living creature's bone can regenerate flesh outside the bone*, אבר מעליא – *where he scraped away part of the bone so it can no longer regenerate flesh*. (3) Rebbe Yochanan says there is a כזית of מוח in the bone, and it is *metamei* with אהל; this is included in the Mishnah's term "נוגע" – *touching*.

3. Rope meshwork within a *tefach* above a מת

Rebbe Yose says that חבילי מטה וסריגי חלונות – *the interlaced ropes of a bed and the [interlaced bars] of a window* can form a חציצה between a lower and upper floor. Thus, if a מת is on the lower floor and someone on the upper floor touches the space opposite the holes in the meshwork, he remains *tahor*. However, if the ropes were spread out in the air over a מת, one who touches the space opposite the holes becomes *tamei* through אהל, because the ropes do not form a חציצה between the floors when they are not part of the structure. Rava maintains that if the ropes were spread within a *tefach* above the מת, it would be tantamount to מת בבסותו – *a body in its garment*, which transmits *tumah* with אהל; here too, even placing one's hand opposite the ropes themselves should make him *tamei* through אהל. Rather, the ropes must be spread more than a *tefach* above the מת. Abaye disagrees and says that even if the ropes are within a *tefach* of the מת, they are different from a מת's garment: מת בבסותו מבטל ליה – *regarding a body in its garment, he designates [the garment] for the body*, whereas he is not מבטל ropes suspended above the body.

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3 things to remember

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