

Chullin – Simanim

פרק יא – ראשית הגז

דף קלז – Daf 137

1. Rebbe Yose exempts wool removed through washing from ראשית הגז

A Baraisa teaches that ראשית הגז is exempt from ראשית הגז if *one washes sheep* and some wool comes off, it is exempt from ראשית הגז because it was not “shorn,” but another Baraisa disagrees. The Gemara explains that the first Baraisa follows Rebbe Yose, who *darshens* that the Torah’s requirement to leave לקט for the poor applies specifically to “קצירך” – *your reaping*, ולא לקט קיטוף – *but not the לקט from picking*. He holds אין לקט אלא הבא מחמת קציר – *only what comes through reaping*, but produce which is picked is not subject to לקט. Likewise, ראשית הגז applies only to גִּזְה – *shearing*, but not to wool removed through washing. Rav Acha brei d’Rava told Rav Ashi: מודה ר' יוסי במידי דאורחיה: *Rebbe Yose concedes that something performed in the usual way is included in the Torah’s halachah*, even if it is not the precise act mentioned. Thus, he *darshens* that עוקר – *one who uproots* his crop with its roots, e.g., lentils, or תולש – *one who plucks* his crop by hand, e.g., beans, is also obligated in לקט, since they are the normal methods of harvesting those crops.

2. Defining the Chochomim’s “כל שהן” of fleece which obligates ראשית הגז

In the Mishnah on Daf 135a, Rebbe Dosa ben Harkinas says that the obligation of ראשית הגז applies when one has five sheep, each shorn of a *maneh* and a half of fleece. The Chochomim say it applies to five sheep which are shorn “כל שהן” – *any amount*. There are four opinions defining this amount: Rav says it is a *maneh* and a half altogether, *provided that these are divided evenly between the five* (i.e., each produces at least a fifth of a *maneh* and a half). Shmuel says the total is sixty (סלעים), and he must give a *sela* to the Kohen (i.e., one-sixtieth of his yield). Rebbe Yochanan says the total is six (סלעים); he gives five סלע to the Kohen, and keeps one for himself. Rebbe Elazar says the Chochomim’s minimum is literally כל שהן – *any amount*. The Gemara objects that the Mishnah requires giving at least five סלעים to the Kohen, and according to Rebbe Elazar and Shmuel, the required ראשית הגז could be less than that amount! It concludes that this ruling refers to someone with a large quantity of fleece who wishes to distribute them to numerous Kohanim; he must give each Kohen at least five סלעים.

3. Terumah and פאה have no minimum shiur מדאורייתא, but have a shiur מדרבנן

Rav and Shmuel listed three *halachos* whose *shiur* is one in sixty: ראשית הגז, *terumah*, and פאה. The Gemara objects from a Mishnah regarding *terumah*: עין יפה אחד מארבעים – *for one who is generous, the shiur is one in forty* (and Rav and Shmuel would not have presented only the miserly *shiur*)! The Gemara initially answers that the Mishnah’s smaller *shiur* is מדאורייתא, but objects that Shmuel taught את הכרי פוטרת – *a single kernel of wheat releases the pile* from its *terumah* obligation! The Gemara concludes that מדאורייתא, even a single kernel suffices. מדרבנן, the *shiur* for produce which is subject to *terumah* מדאורייתא is one in forty, while the *shiur* for produce which is only subject to *terumah* only מדרבנן is one in sixty. The Gemara then challenges the minimum *shiur* given for פאה from a Mishnah: *these are the things which have no measure: פאה, בכורים, and appearing* in the Mikdash during רגלים! The Gemara answers that מדאורייתא, פאה has no minimum *shiur*, but מדרבנן, one must leave one in sixty. Although the next Mishnah there already teaches this *shiur*, Rav and Shmuel are teaching that this applies even in חוץ לארץ.

Siman – Closet

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