Bechoros – Simanim
פרק ו – על אלו מומין

Daf 40 – דף מ

1. Five-legged or three-legged animals (יתיר בנטול)

The Mishnah lists additional מומין: בעל חמש רגלים או שאין לו אלא שלש – *a five-legged* [animal] *or* if *it has only three* [legs]; or if its feet are "קלוטות" like those of a donkey (defined later as rounded, even if they are split); or a "שחול", meaning its thigh slipped out of its socket, or a "בסול", meaning one of its thighs is higher than the other. Rav Huna says that our Mishnah, which lists a five-legged and three-legged animal as a בעל מום which may be *shechted*, only holds true שחסר ויתר ביד – *where it is missing or has an extra foreleg.* אבל ברגל טרפה נמי הוי – *but* if the missing or extra leg *is a hindleg, it is also a tereifah,* דכל יתיר בנטול דמי – *because something extra is* considered *like it was removed*. Rashi provides several reasons why an animal missing a hindleg may not be eaten.

2. Three מומין added by עילא (ex., the circle of its eye is round like a person's)

The next Mishnah states that all the above מומין were listed by עילא in Yavneh, with the Chochomim's approval. He added three more, which the Chochomim did not accept: שגלגל עינו עגול כשל אדם – *the circle of its eye is round like a person's,* ופיו דומה כשל חזיר – *or its mouth is similar to a pig's,* ושניטל רוב המדבר בלשונו – *or most of the "speaking part" of the tongue was removed.* A later Beis Din agreed with עילא's additional מומין. The Gemara objects that another Mishnah proves that it is normal for an animal's eye to be round like a person's: if a woman aborts something resembling a בהמה, חיה, or bird, Rebbe Meir says she observes the standard period of *tumah* and *taharah* for male or female offspring, and Rebbe Yochanan explains: הואיל וגלגל עינו עגול כשל אדם – *because the circle of its eye is round like that of a person*. Rav Yosef answers that this latter statement is באובמא – *regarding the black* (i.e., pupil) of the eye, which is round like a person's, whereas our Mishnah is בציריא – *regarding the* eye *socket*, which is not usually round like a person's.

3. יבלת – *a wart*

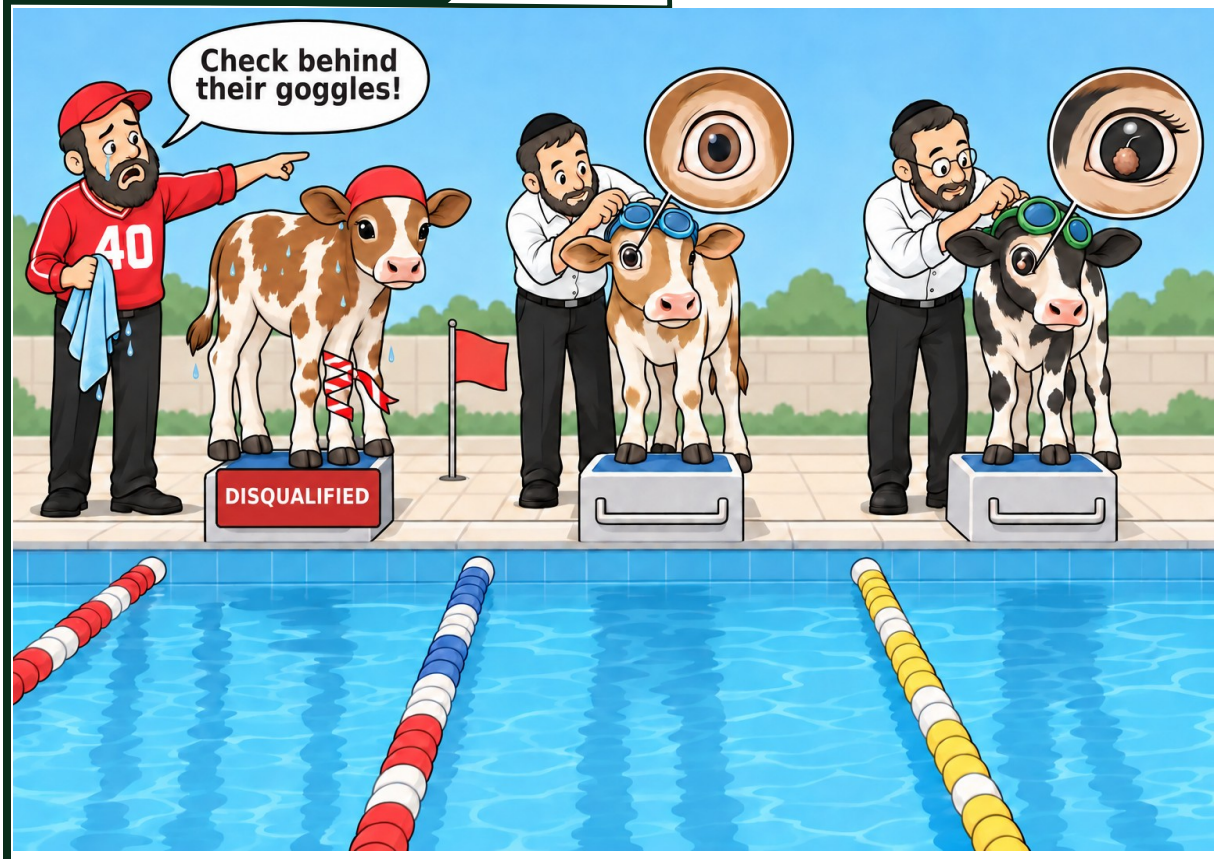
In the Mishnah, Rebbe Chanina ben Antignos says that את שיבלת בעינו – [an animal] *which has a wart in its eye* is a מום. The Gemara objects that another Mishnah teaches that an animal with a wart may <u>not</u> be *shechted* outside the Mikdash (although it is disqualified as a *korban*)!? However, the Gemara counters that יבלת is written explicitly in a *passuk* as a מום!? The *passuk* cannot be limited to a wart בעינו – *in its eye*, since it is written סתמא – *without specification*, indicating it is a מום anywhere. Therefore, the Gemara explains that the *passuk* is discussing a wart דאית בה עצם – *which has a bone*, which is a מום anywhere, while the Mishnayos discuss one without a bone. The Gemara proves that a wart בגופא – *on* the animal's *body* would not even disqualify a *korban*, because it is תלתול בעלמא – *mere hanging flesh*. Therefore, it concludes that both Mishnayos refer to a wart in the eye (without bones). Our Mishnah refers to a wart בשחור – *in the black* (i.e., pupil), which is a מום, but one in the white is only disqualified. Although "אין מומין בלבן" – *there is no blemish in the white* of the eye, we are discussing a wart דאית בה שער – *which has a hair* growing from it, which does disqualify a *korban*.

Siman – Pool

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