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CHAPTER PREVIEW

In this beautiful and uplifting aliyah, Moshe Rabbeinu continues his final brachos to Klal Yisrael before his histalkus, focusing on the unique protection and security that Hashem provides for His nation. We learn of how Hashem, Who existed before all of creation, serves as a constant refuge and support for the Yidden, driving out their enemies from before them.

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פסוק א

Pasuk 1

מֵעֵנָה אֱלֹהֵי קֶדֶם וּמִתַּחַת זְרַעַת עוֹלָם וַיִּגְרֹשׁ מִפְּנֵי
from before you and He drove out eternity are the arms of and underneath ancient times is the God of A dwelling place
אֹיֵב וַיֹּאמֶר הַשֹּׁמֵד:
destroy and He said the enemy

רש"י

מֵעֵנָה אֱלֹהֵי קֶדֶם. לְמַעַן הֵם הַשָּׁמַיִם לְאֱלֹהֵי קֶדֶם, שֶׁקֶדֶם
Who preceded ancient times for the God of the skies they are As a dwelling place ancient times of the God of A dwelling place
לְכָל אֱלֹהִים וּבָרַר לוֹ שָׁמַיִם לְשִׁבְתּוֹ וּמַעֲוֹנָתוֹ, וּמִתַּחַת מְעוֹנָתוֹ כָּל
all His dwelling place and beneath and His dwelling for His sitting skies for Himself and He selected gods all
בְּעָלֵי זְרוּעַ שׁוֹכְנִים:
dwell arm possessors of

רש"י

זְרַעַת עוֹלָם. סִיחֹן וְעוֹג וּמִלְכֵי כְנַעַן שֶׁהָיוּ תְּקוּפוֹ וַיִּגְבֹּרְתוּ שָׁל עוֹלָם,
the world of and the might of the strength of who were Canaan and the kings of and Og Sihon the world The arms of
לְפִיכָה עַל פָּרְחָם יִתְרָדוּ וַיִּזְעוּ וְכֹחַם חָלַשׁ מִפְּנֵי, לְעוֹלָם אֵימַת
the fear of always before Him is weakened and their power and they quake they tremble their will against therefore
הַגְּבוּהָ עַל הַנְּמוּהָ, וְהוּא שֶׁחֲכָה וְהַגְּבוּרָה שְׁלוֹ בְּעֶזְרָה:
is in your help are His and the might whom the strength and He the lower one is upon the higher one

רש"י

וַיִּגְרֹשׁ מִפְּנֵי אֹיֵב, וַיֹּאמֶר. לְךָ הַשֹּׁמֵד אוֹתָם:
them destroy to you and He said the enemy from before you and He drove out

רש"י

מֵעֵנָה. כָּל תִּיבָה שֶׁצָּרִיכָה לְמַד בְּתַחֲלָתָה הֵטִיל לָהּ ה' אֶת בְּסוּפָהּ יְבֻמוֹת י"ג:
13 Yevamos at its end a hei for it placed at its beginning a lamed that requires word every From-Anah

וַיִּשְׁכֹּן יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּטַח בְּדָד עֵין יַעֲקֹב אֶל אֶרֶץ דָּגָן וְתִירוֹשׁ אֶף שָׁמַיִם
His heavens also and wine grain a land of to Yaakov the fountain of alone in safety Yisrael And dwelt
יַעֲרָפוּ טֶל:
dew shall drip

רש"י

בטח בדה. כל יחיד ויחיד איש תחת גפנו ותחת תאנתו מפזרין ואין
and they are not separated his fig tree and under his vine under a man and individual individual every alone In safety
צריכין להתאסף ולישב יחד מפני האויב:
the enemy because of together and to dwell together needing

רש"י

עין יעקב. כמו "ועינו" כעין הפדלח" במדבר י"א כעין
like the appearance of 11 Bamidbar crystal was like the appearance of and its appearance is like Yaakov The appearance of
הברכה שברכם יעקב, לא כבדד שאמר ירמיה "כדד ישבתי" ירמיהו ט"ו,
15 Yirmeyahu Isat alone Yirmeyah that said like the alone not Yaakov that blessed them the blessing
אלא כעין הבטחה שהבטיחם יעקב בראשית מ"ח "והיה אלהים עמכם
with you God and will be 48 Bereishis Yaakov that promised them the promise like the appearance of but rather
והשיב אתכם אל ארץ אבותיכם" עי' ספרי:
Sifrei see your fathers the land of to you and He will return

רש"י

יערפו. יטפו:
they will drip they will drip

רש"י

אף שמי יערפו טל. אף ברכתו של יצחק נוספת על ברכתו של יעקב
Yaakov the blessing of upon is added Yitzchak the blessing of also dew shall drip His heavens Also
"ויתן לך ה' אלהים מטל השמים וגו':"
etc. the heavens from the dew of God to you And may He give

אשריך ישראל מי כמוך עם נושע ביהוה מגן עזרך ואשר
and Who your help the Shield of by Hashem saved a nation is like you who Yisrael praiseworthy are you
חרב גאותך ויפחשו איביך לך ואתה על במותימו תדרוך:
shall tread their high places upon and you to you your enemies and shall lie your grandeur is the Sword of

רש"י

אשריך ישראל. לאחר שפרט להם הברכות, אמר להם מה לי לפרט לכם
to you to detail is it to me what to them he said the blessings to them that he detailed after Yisrael Happy are you

כָּל דְּבָר? הַכֹּל שְׁלָכֶם:

is yours everything thing every

רַשִׁי

אֲשֶׁרִיךְ, מִי כְמוֹךְ. תְּשׁוּעָתְךָ בְּה', אֲשֶׁר הוּא מִגֵּן עֶזְרְךָ וְחֶרֶב

and the sword of your help is the shield of He Who is in Hashem your salvation is like you who praiseworthy are you

גְּאוּתְךָ :

your grandeur

רַשִׁי

וַיִּכְחָשׁוּ אֵיבֵיךָ לָךְ. כְּגֹזֶן הַגִּבְעוֹנִים שֶׁאָמְרוּ "מֵאֶרֶץ רְחוֹקָה בָּאוּ עֲבָדֶיךָ וְגו'"

etc. your servants have come far From a land who said the Gibeonites for example to you your enemies And shall deny

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ ט' :

9 Yehoshua

רַשִׁי

וְאַתָּה עַל בְּמוֹתֵימָם תִּדְרֹךְ. כְּעֵנֶן שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר "שִׁימוּ אֶת רַגְלֵיכֶם עַל צְוּאֵי הַמְּלָכִים

the kings the necks of upon your feet — place that is said like the matter shall tread their high places upon And you

הָאֵלֶּה" שֵׁם י' :

10 there these

CHAPTER SUMMARY

The pesukim describe how Klal Yisrael will dwell in safety and security, blessed with a bountiful land of grain and wine under heavens that drip with dew. Moshe Rabbeinu proclaims the ultimate happiness of the nation, declaring that no other people is like Yisrael—a nation saved by Hashem, Who acts as their protecting shield and triumphant sword, causing their enemies to surrender and allowing the Yidden to tread upon their high places.

The Torah is telling us in these pesukim a tremendous yesod about our bitachon and how we look at our place in this world. Moshe Rabbeinu is blessing Klal Yisrael before his histalkus, and he says, "Vayishkon Yisrael betach badad ein Yaakov", Yisrael shall dwell in safety, solitary, like the eye of Yaakov. Lichoira, we look at this word "badad," being alone or solitary, as a nebach, a weakness. We think that to be safe and successful, we need to blend in, to have the approval of the nations, or to rely on the same natural means that the rest of the world relies on.

But the Torah is teaching us the exact opposite chiddush. Our safety and our shemira come davka from being "badad," from being completely set apart and relying solely on Hashem. When we realize that "me'onah Elokei kedem," that Hashem is our only true dwelling place and refuge, then mimeila we don't need to look for security anywhere else. The moment a Yid stops trying to find safety by copying the ways of the world, and instead embraces being "badad", standing alone with his emunah and his Torah, that is when he merits the ultimate shemira of "ashreicha Yisrael mi chamocha."

This is a powerful avodah for us in our daily lives. In our parnassah, in our social lives, and in how we run our homes, the yetzer hara constantly tries to convince us that we have to act like everyone else to survive. We think we have to compromise a little here, or copy a lifestyle there, just to fit in and feel secure. But the truth is that our strength is davka in our distinctiveness. When you stand strong in your Yiddishkeit, without looking around to see what the world thinks, you are connecting yourself directly to the "zero'os olam," the everlasting arms of Hashem.

Today, when you face a situation where it feels uncomfortable to stand out as a frum Yid, or when you feel tempted to compromise on your standards to fit in, stop and remind yourself: "Vayishkon Yisrael betach badad." Make one small, proud choice to stand apart, knowing that your true safety and bracha come solely from your connection to Hashem.

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THE SUGYA

We are starting a new perek, and the Mishnah begins by laying down a major yesod in the halachos of kodshim. The Tanna is coming to be mechadesh a fundamental distinction between two types of consecrated animals: those where a permanent blemish preceded their consecration (where they only have kedushas damim, sanctity of value), and those whose consecration preceded their blemish (which have kedushas haguf, physical sanctity). The Mishnah outlines how these two categories differ across a whole list of halachos, including the obligation of the firstborn, the priestly gifts, shearing and working with them, and whether they can be redeemed after death.

In the Gemara, the shakla v'tarya gets straight to work analyzing the precise wording of our Mishnah. The Gemara is bothered by what we can infer from the Mishnah's cases, looking to see if these halachos support Rabbi Eliezer's shitta regarding animals consecrated for Temple maintenance, or Rava's chiddush that consecrating a male animal for its value automatically confers physical sanctity. We also delve into a fascinating discussion regarding the status of offspring born to these animals, and whether they require a blemish before they can be redeemed.

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MISHNAH משנה

MISHNAH

מִתְנִי כָּל הַקֹּדְשִׁים שֶׁקָּדַם מוֹם קְבוּעַ לְהַקְדִּשָּׁן וְנִפְדּוּ — חֵיבִין בְּבִכּוּרָה וּבְמִתְנֹת,

Mishnah: All sacrificial animals in which a permanent blemish preceded their consecration, and then they were redeemed, are obligated in the mitzvah of a firstborn (meaning, their offspring are subject to the laws of a firstborn), and in the priestly gifts of the foreleg, the jaw, and the maw,

MISHNAH

וְיוֹצְאִין לְחֹלִין לִיגֹז וְלִיעֲבֹד,

and they emerge to non-sacred status to be shorn and to be worked with,

MISHNAH

וְלָדוֹ וְחֵלְבוֹ מִיתֵּר לְאַחַר פְּדִיוָּנוֹ.

and their offspring and their milk are permitted after their redemption.

MISHNAH

והשוֹחֵטֵן בַּחוּץ פֶּטוּר,

And one who slaughters them outside the Temple courtyard is **exempt** from the punishment of kares,

MISHNAH

וְאֵין עוֹשִׂין תְּמוּרָה,

and they do not make a substitute (meaning, if one attempts to exchange them for another animal, the second animal does not become holy),

MISHNAH

וְאִם מָתוּ — יִפְדּוּ,

and if they died before being redeemed, they may be redeemed even after death to be fed to dogs,

MISHNAH

חוּץ מִן הַבְּכוֹר וּמִן הַמַּעֲשֵׂר.

except for the firstborn and the animal tithe, which, even if they were blemished before they became consecrated, assume inherent sanctity.

MISHNAH

וְכָל שֶׁקֶדֶם הִקְדָּשׁוֹ אֶת מוֹמָן, אוֹ מוֹם עוֹבֵר לְהִקְדָּשׁוֹ, וְלֵאחֶר מָפֵאן נוֹלַד לָהֶן מוֹם קָבוע לְהִקְדָּשׁוֹ
וְנִפְדּוּ — פֶּטוּרִין מִן הַבְּכוֹרָה וּמִן הַמִּתְנֻנּוֹת,

And all sacrificial animals whose consecration preceded their blemish, or who had a temporary blemish prior to their consecration, and afterward a permanent blemish developed on them which allowed them to be consecrated for redemption, and they were redeemed — they are exempt from the mitzvah of a firstborn and from the priestly gifts,

MISHNAH

וְאֵינָן יוֹצְאִין לְחוּלִין לִיגְזֹז וְלִיעֲבֹד.

and they do not emerge to non-sacred status to be shorn and to be worked with.

MISHNAH

וְלָדָם וְחֵלְבָן אֶסוּר לְאַחֶר פְּדִיוָןָם,

And their offspring (conceived before redemption) and their milk are prohibited after their redemption,

MISHNAH

והשוֹחֵטֵן בַּחוּץ חַיִּיב, וְעוֹשִׂין תְּמוּרָה, וְאִם מָתוּ — יִקָּבְרוּ.

and one who slaughters them outside the Temple courtyard is liable to kares, and they make a substitute, and if they died before redemption, they must be buried and cannot be redeemed to be fed to dogs.

INFERENCE

גמ' טעמא דנפדו, הא לא נפדו — פטורין מן הפכורה ומן המתנות.

Gemara: The Gemara infers from the first clause of our Mishnah: **The reason** they are obligated in these mitzvos is **that they were redeemed**; but if they were **not redeemed**, they are **exempt** from the mitzvah of **a firstborn and from the priestly gifts**.

STATEMENT

קסבר: קדושת דמים מדחה מן הפכורה ומן המתנות.

The Gemara notes: This indicates that the Tanna **holds: Sanctity of value** (which is the only sanctity these pre-blemished animals have) **defers** and exempts the animal **from** the mitzvah of **a firstborn and from the priestly gifts** as long as the sanctity remains on it.

INFERENCE

ויוצאין לחולין וכו'. טעמא דנפדו, הא לא נפדו — אסירי בגיזה ועבודה.

We learnt in the Mishnah: **And they emerge to non-sacred status** to be shorn and to be worked with. The Gemara infers: **The reason** they are permitted is **that they were redeemed**; but if they were **not redeemed**, they are **prohibited in shearing and labor**.

QUESTION

מסייע ליה לרבי אליעזר, דאמר: קדשי בֶּדֶק הבית אסורין בגיזה ועבודה?

The Gemara asks: Does this **support Rabbi Eliezer, who said: Animals consecrated for Temple maintenance** (which only have sanctity of value) **are prohibited in shearing and labor**? Since our Mishnah's unredeemed animals also have only sanctity of value, this seems to support his view.

ANSWER

אמרי: לא, קדושת דמים למזבח הוא דמיחלףא בקדושת הגוף למזבח, גזרו בהו רבנן, אכל קדשי בֶּדֶק הבית — לא.

The Sages **say** in response: **No**, there is no proof from here. It is only **sanctity of value for the Altar that is easily confused with physical sanctity for the Altar**, and therefore **the Rabbis decreed on them** that they are prohibited in shearing and labor so people wouldn't treat physically holy animals lightly. **But** as for **animals consecrated for Temple maintenance**, which are never offered on the Altar, there is no such confusion, and the Rabbis did **not** make a decree.

QUESTION

ולדן וחלבן מותר כו'. היכי דמי?

We learnt in the Mishnah: **Their offspring and their milk are permitted** after their redemption. The Gemara asks: **What are the circumstances** of this case?

OBJECTION

אילימא דאיעבר ואתיליד לאחר פדיונן — פשיטא, חולין נינהו!

If we say that the animal became pregnant and gave birth after their redemption, then it is obvious that they are permitted, as they are completely non-sacred from the moment of conception!

RESOLUTION

אָלס דאָסער פֿרונד, וואָס זיין פֿרונד, וואָס זיין פֿרונד.

Rather, it must be that the animal became pregnant before their redemption, and gave birth after their redemption, and the Mishnah teaches that the offspring is permitted.

INFERENCE

האָ פֿרונד — אָסיר.

The Gemara infers: But if they gave birth before their redemption, the offspring are prohibited until they themselves are redeemed.

עמוד ב' DAF 14B

QUESTION

נפדין תמימים או אין נפדין תמימים?

Are the offspring of animals consecrated for their value redeemed while they are still unblemished, or are they not redeemed while they are unblemished, meaning we must wait for them to develop a blemish?

PROOF

תא שמע: המתפס בעלי מומין קבועין לגבי מזבח, וילדו — ימכרו, ואין צריכין מום, שאין קדושה חלה עליהן, שלא יהא טפל חמור מן העיקר.

Come and hear a proof from a baraita: One who consecrates permanently blemished animals for the altar, and they gave birth, the offspring may be sold to be redeemed, and they do not require a blemish to permit their sale, because altar sanctity does not take effect on them, for we say that the secondary offspring should not be more stringent than the primary mother. Since the mother can be redeemed unblemished, so can the offspring.

INFERENCE

טעמא, שלא יהא טפל חמור מן העיקר, אבל הקדיש זכר לדמיו — קדוש קדושת הגוף.

The Gemara infers: The reason the offspring is not sanctified with physical sanctity is that the secondary should not be more stringent than the primary. But if one consecrated a male animal for its value, where there is no secondary consecration, it is indeed sanctified with physical sanctity.

STATEMENT

מסייע ליה לרבא, דאמר רבא: הקדיש זכר לדמיו — קדוש קדושת הגוף.

This supports Rava, as Rava said: One who consecrates a male animal for its value, it becomes sanctified with physical sanctity.

MISHNAH

והשוֹחֵטֵן בַּחוּץ פָּטוּר.

The Mishnah taught: **And one who slaughters them**, animals whose blemish preceded their consecration, **outside** the Beis HaMikdash, is **exempt** from the punishment of kares.

גְּמָרָא GEMARA

EXPLANATION

רבי אֶלְעָזָר מְתִיב "חַיִּיב", וּמוֹקִי לָהּ בְּכֶמֶת יָחִיד.

Rabbi Elazar teaches the Mishnah with the version "liable", and he establishes it as referring to a private altar of an individual, where offering a blemished animal is forbidden.

STATEMENT

דָּאָמַר רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר: מִנֵּיין לְזוֹבַח בְּהֶמָּה בְּעֵלֶת מוֹם בְּכֶמֶת יָחִיד בְּשַׁעַת הַיֵּיתֵר הַכּוֹמוֹת, שֶׁהוּא בִּלְאִי תַעֲשֶׂה?

As Rabbi Elazar said: From where is it derived for one who slaughters a blemished animal on a private altar at a time when high places were permitted, that he violates a negative commandment?

PROOF

שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: "לֹא תִזְבַּח לַה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ שׁוֹר וְשֶׂה", אִם אֵינוֹ עֹנֵין לְכֶמֶת גְּדוּלָּהּ, דְּכֵתיב: "עֹרֹת אוֹ שָׂבוֹר וגו'", תִּנְהוּ עֹנֵין לְכֶמֶת יָחִיד.

As it is stated: "You shall not sacrifice to Hashem your Elokim an ox or a sheep in which there is a blemish." If this verse is not needed for the matter of the great altar in the Mishkan, as it is written there: "Blind or broken etc. you shall not offer these to Hashem," then apply it to the matter of a private altar.

QUESTION

אִמָּא: אִם אֵינוֹ עֹנֵין לְקַדָּשִׁים — תִּנְהוּ עֹנֵין לְבָכוֹר, סֵלְקָא דַּעְתָּךְ אֲמִינָא: הוּאִיל וְקִדּוּשׁ בְּשָׂהוּא בְּעַל מוֹם — לִיקָרֵב נָמִי בְּשָׂהוּא בְּעַל מוֹם, קָא מְשַׁמַּע לֵן דְּלֹא!

The Gemara asks: But say instead: If it is not needed for the matter of regular sacrificial animals, apply it to the matter of a firstborn. For it might enter your mind to say: Since a firstborn is holy even when it is blemished from birth, let it also be sacrificed when it is blemished. Therefore, the verse comes to teach us that it is not so!

ANSWER

אָמְרִי: בְּכוֹר בְּהֶדְיָא כְּתִיב בֵּיהּ "פֶּסֶחַ אוֹ עוֹר לֹא תִזְבְּחֶנּוּ".

The Sages say in response: Regarding a firstborn, it is explicitly written about it: "Lame or blind... you shall not sacrifice it." So we do not need another verse for this.

QUESTION

ואימא: אם אינו ענין לקדשים — תנהו ענין למעשר, דסלקא דעתך אמינא: הואיל וקדוש במומו, דכתיב: "לא יבקר בין טוב לרע", נקרב נמי במומיה, קא משמע לן דלא!

The Gemara asks: But say: If it is not needed for sacrificial animals, apply it to the matter of animal tithe. For it might enter your mind to say: Since it is holy with its blemish, as it is written: "He shall not distinguish between good and bad," let it also be sacrificed with its blemish. Therefore, the verse comes to teach us that it is not so!

ANSWER

אמרי: מעשר נמי גמר "העברה" "העברה" מכאן.

The Sages say: Animal tithe is also derived by a gezerah shavah of the word "passing" and "passing" from a firstborn. Just as a blemished firstborn is not offered, neither is a blemished tithe.

QUESTION

אימא: תנהו ענין לתמורת קדשים, דסלקא דעתך אמינא: הואיל וקדושה כשהיא בעלת מום, דכתיב: "לא יחליפנו ולא ימיר אותו וגו'", קריבה נמי כשהיא בעלת מום, קא משמע לן דלא!

The Gemara asks: But say: Apply it to the matter of a substitute of sacrificial animals. For it might enter your mind to say: Since it becomes holy even when it is blemished, as it is written: "He shall not exchange it nor substitute it etc.," let it also be sacrificed when it is blemished. Therefore, the verse comes to teach us that it is not so!

ANSWER

אמר קרא: "והיה הוא ותמורתו", מקיש תמורתו לו — מה הוא בעל מום לא, אף תמורתו בעל מום לא.

The Gemara answers: The verse states: "Then it and its substitute shall be holy." This compares its substitute to it, the original animal: Just as it, the original animal, if it is blemished, is not sacrificed, so too its substitute, if it is blemished, is not sacrificed.

OBJECTION

מתקיף לה רבי זירא: אימא, תנהו ענין לולדות קדשים, דסלקא דעתך אמינא: הואיל וקדושין כשהן בעלי מומין אנב אמן, כשהן בעלי מומין נמי קרבי, קא משמע לן דלא!

Rabbi Zeira objects to this: Say instead, apply it to the matter of the offspring of sacrificial animals. For it might enter your mind to say: Since they are holy when they are blemished on account of their mother, let them also be sacrificed when they are blemished. Therefore, the verse comes to teach us that it is not so!

RESOLUTION

אמר רבא: כבר פסקה תנא דבי רבי ישמעאל, דתנא דבי רבי ישמעאל: "רק קדשיה אשר יהיו לה ונדריה" — "רק קדשיה" אלו התמורות, "אשר יהיו לה" אלו הולדות, "ונדריה" — הקישין הכתוב לנדר, מה נדר בעל מום לא, אף הני נמי בעל מום לא.

Rava said: The Tanna of the school of Rabbi Yishmael already decided this, as the Tanna of the school of Rabbi Yishmael taught: "Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take and go to the place which Hashem shall choose." "Only your holy things" — these are the substitutes; "which you have" — these are the offspring; "and

your vows" — the verse compares them to a vow. Just as a vow, if it is blemished, is not sacrificed, so too these, if they are blemished, are not sacrificed.

מִשְׁנָה MISHNAH

MISHNAH

וְאֵין עוֹשִׂין תְּמוּדָה, מֵאִי טַעְמָא? דְּאָמַר קָרָא: "לֹא יַחֲלִיפֶנּוּ וְלֹא יִמִּיר וְגו'".

The Mishnah taught: And they do not effect a substitution. What is the reason? As the verse states: "He shall not exchange it nor substitute it etc."

גְּמָרָא GEMARA

EXPLANATION

הַשְׁתָּא רַע בְּטוֹב אִמְרַתְּ לָא, טוֹב בְּרַע מִיבְעִיָּא? אֵלָּא טוֹב מִעִיקְרוֹ עוֹשֶׂה תְּמוּדָה, רַע מִעִיקְרוֹ אֵין עוֹשֶׂה תְּמוּדָה.

The Gemara asks: Now, if substituting a bad animal for a good one you said is not allowed, is it necessary to say that substituting a good for a bad is forbidden? Rather, the verse must mean: An animal that was good from its inception, meaning unblemished when consecrated, effects a substitution, but one that was bad from its inception, meaning blemished when consecrated, does not effect a substitution.

מִשְׁנָה MISHNAH

MISHNAH

אִם מָתוּ יִפְדּוּ.

The Mishnah taught: If they died, they may be redeemed.

גְּמָרָא GEMARA

STATEMENT

אָמַר רַב יְהוּדָה אָמַר רַב: זֶה דְּבַרֵּי רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן, דְּאָמַר: קֳדָשֵׁי מִזְבֵּחַ הֵיוּ בְּכָלֵל הַעֲמֻדָה וְהַעֲרֻכָה, קֳדָשֵׁי בֶּדֶק הַבַּיִת לֹא הֵיוּ בְּכָלֵל הַעֲמֻדָה וְהַעֲרֻכָה.

Rav Yehudah said in the name of Rav: This is the opinion of Rabbi Shimon, who said: Altar-consecrated animals were included in the law of standing and valuation, meaning they cannot be redeemed after they die, but Temple-treasury-consecrated animals were not included in the law of standing and valuation.

PROOF

דִּתְנִנוּ, רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן אוֹמֵר: קֳדָשֵׁי בֶּדֶק הַבַּיִת, אִם מָתוּ — יִפְדּוּ.

As we learned in a Mishnah, Rabbi Shimon says: Temple-treasury-consecrated animals, if they died, they may be redeemed.

STATEMENT

ומוֹדָה רַבִּי שִׁמְעוֹן בְּבַעַל מוֹם מֵעִיקְרוֹ שְׁנִפְדָּה.

And Rabbi Shimon agrees regarding an animal that was blemished from its inception and consecrated for the altar, that it may be redeemed even if it died.

EXPLANATION

מַאי טַעְמָא? דָּאֲמַר קָרָא: "אוֹתָהּ" "אוֹתָהּ" — לְמַעוּטֵי בַּעַל מוֹם מֵעִיקְרָא.

What is the reason? As the verse states: "it" and "it", which comes to exclude an animal that was blemished from its inception from the requirement of standing and valuation.

STATEMENT

אַבָּל חֲכָמִים אוֹמְרִים: אִם מָתוּ — יִקָּבְרוּ.

But the Sages say: If they died, they must be buried, because they hold even these require standing and valuation.

EXPLANATION

מֵאֵן חֲכָמִים? תָּנָא דְּבִי לִוי הוּא, דְּתָנָא דְּבִי לִוי: הֲכֹל הָיוּ בְּכָלֵל הָעֲמֻדָּה וְהַעֲרָכָה, וְאַפִּילוּ בַּעַל מוֹם מֵעִיקְרוֹ.

Who are the Sages mentioned here? It is the Tanna of the school of Levi, as the Tanna of the school of Levi taught: Everything was included in the law of standing and valuation, and even an animal blemished from its inception.

STATEMENT

וְכֹן תָּנָא דְּבִי לִוי בְּמִתְנִיתִיהּ: אַפִּילוּ חִיהּ, אַפִּילוּ עוֹף,

And so the Tanna of the school of Levi taught in his Mishnah: Even a wild beast, and even a bird, require standing and valuation.

QUESTION

וְהִכְתִּיב "אוֹתָהּ"!

The Gemara asks: **But isn't it written "it"**, which implies an exclusion?

ANSWER

"אוֹתָהּ" לְתָנָא דְּבִי לִוי קָשְׁיָא.

The Gemara answers: The word "it" is indeed a difficulty for the Tanna of the school of Levi.

QUESTION

אַבָּל רַבָּנָן דְּפָלִיגִי עָלֶיהָ דְּרַבִּי שִׁמְעוֹן, מַאי? הֲכִי נָמִי דָּאֵם מָתוּ יִפְדּוּ? אִי הָכִי,

But the Rabbis who argue with Rabbi Shimon, what do they say? Do they also hold that if they died they may be redeemed? If so,

SUMMARY

The daf focuses on analyzing the Mishnah's rulings regarding blemished consecrated animals. We learn that an animal with a pre-existing blemish only has kedushas damim, meaning that once it is redeemed, it is completely chullin; its offspring and milk are muttar, and one who slaughters it outside the Azarah is exempt from kares. Conversely, an animal that had kedushas haguf before it was blemished retains a higher level of sanctity even after redemption, meaning its offspring and milk remain assur, and shearing or working it is forbidden. The Gemara uses these distinctions to clarify the status of offspring born before redemption, proving that they do not require a blemish to be redeemed. Finally, the Gemara discusses Rabbi Elazar's unique version of the Mishnah, which leads into a deep halachic analysis of whether one is allowed to offer a blemished animal on a private bamah.

למעשה WHAT TO TAKE HOME

The yesod of our Mishnah lies in the deep distinction between an animal whose blemish preceded its consecration, and one whose consecration came first. When a blemish is already there, the animal only receives a "kedushas damim", a sanctity of monetary value. It never becomes physically holy on the Mizbeach. But if it was holy first and then became blemished, that "kedushas haguf", the physical, intrinsic holiness, remains locked inside it forever, even after it is redeemed.

Lichoira, we have to ask ourselves: what is the avodah here for us? Every single Yid is a chelek Eloka mima'al, possessing a pure neshama that is inherently kadosh. But life happens, and we face nisyonos. Sometimes a person looks at themselves and sees "blemishes", mistakes they made, bad middos, or spiritual setbacks. The yetzer hara tries to convince us that these blemishes define us, that we have lost our intrinsic holiness and are now just "damaged goods."

But the Torah is teaching us a tremendous chiddush here. Your kedushah preceded any blemish! You were born with a neshama tehorah; your essential self is pure kedushas haguf. A blemish might affect your external actions or require a process of teshuvah and redemption, but it can never erase the intrinsic holiness of who you really are. Just like the animal that was consecrated first, your inner holiness remains intact, waiting to be uncovered.

Today, when you make a mistake or feel discouraged by your spiritual shortcomings, stop and remind yourself: "My neshama is kedushas haguf. This blemish is only on the outside, and it can never change my essential connection to Hashem."

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פֿאַרק ל"ב CHAPTER 32

לְדוֹד מִשְׁכִּיל אֲשֶׁרִי נָשׁוּי פֶּשַׁע כָּסוּי חֲטָאָה:
אֲשֶׁרִי אָדָם לֹא יִחְשַׁב יְהוָה לוֹ עֹז וְאֵין בְּרוּחוֹ רְמִיָּה:
כִּי הִחַרְשָׁתִּי בָּלוּ עֲצָמַי בְּשֹׁאֲגָתִי כָּל הַיּוֹם:
כִּי יוֹמָם וּלְיָלָה תִּכְבֵּד עָלַי יְדָה נִהַפְּךָ לְשׂוֹדִי בַּחֲרַבְנִי קִיץ סֵלָה:
חֲטָאתִי אוֹדִיעָה וְעוֹנִי לֹא כִסִּיתִי אֲמַרְתִּי אוֹדָה עָלַי פֶּשַׁעִי לִיהוָה וְאַתָּה נָשֵׂאתָ עֹז חֲטָאתִי סֵלָה:
עַל זֹאת יִתְפַּלֵּל כָּל חֹסֶיד אֱלֹהִים לְעַת מִצָּא רַק לְשֹׁטֶף מִיָּם רַבִּים אֱלֹהִים לֹא יִגִּיעוּ:
אַתָּה סֵתֵר לִי מִצָּר תִּצְרֵנִי רָנִי פִּלַּט תְּסוּבְּבֵנִי סֵלָה:
אֲשַׁכִּילָה וְאוֹרָה בְּדֶרֶךְ זוֹ תִּלְךָ אֵינִי עֹלָה עֵינַי:
אֵל תִּהְיוּ כָּסוּס כְּפָרֵד אֵין הִבִּינִי בְּמִתְגַּוְרֵסִין עֲדִיו לְבָלוֹם בַּל קָרַב אֱלֹהִים:
רַבִּים מִכְּאוֹבִים לָרָשָׁע וְהַבּוֹטֵחַ בִּיהוָה חֲסֵד יְסוּבְּבֵנוּ:
שִׁמְחוּ בִיהוָה וְגִילוּ צְדִיקִים וְהִרְנִינוּ כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵב:

פֿאַרק מ"ג CHAPTER 43

שָׁפֹטֵנִי אֱלֹהִים וְרִיבָה רִיבִי מִגּוֹי לֹא חֲסִיד מֵאִישׁ מִרְמָה וְעוֹלָה תִּפְלֹטֵנִי:
כִּי אַתָּה אֱלֹהִים מְעוּזִי לָמָּה זִנְחִיתָנִי לָמָּה קִדַּר אֶתְהַלֵּךְ בְּלַחֲץ אוֹיֵב:
שְׁלַח אוֹרָה וְאַמְתָּה הַמָּה יִנְחוּנִי יְבִיאוּנִי אֶל הָר קוֹדֶשְׁךָ וְאֶל מִשְׁכְּנוֹתֶיךָ:
וְאַבּוֹאָה אֶל מִזְבֵּחַ אֱלֹהִים אֶל אֵל שְׁמֹחַת גִּילִי וְאוֹדָה בְּכִנּוֹר אֱלֹהִים אֱלֹהִים:
מִה תִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה נַפְשִׁי וּמִה תִּתְהַמֵּי עָלַי הוֹחִילִי לֵאלֹהִים כִּי עוֹד אוֹדְנוּ יְשׁוּעַת פָּנֶי וְאֱלֹהִים:

שִׁיר מִזְמוֹר לְאַסָּף:

אֱלֹהִים אֵל דָּמִי לָךְ אֵל תַּחֲרַשׁ וְאֵל תִּשְׁקֹט אֵל:

כִּי הִנֵּה אוֹיְבֶיךָ יִהְיֶינָיִם וּמִשְׁנֵאֶיךָ נִשְׂאוּ רֹאשׁ:

עַל עֲמָךְ יַעֲרִימוּ סוֹד וַיִּתְּעֲצּוּ עַל צָפוֹנֶיךָ:

אָמְרוּ לָכֵן וְנִכְחָדֵם מִגּוֹי וְלֹא יִזְכָּר שֵׁם יִשְׂרָאֵל עוֹד:

כִּי נִוָּעֲצוּ לֵב יַחֲדוּ עָלֶיךָ בְּרִית יִכְרֹתוּ:

אֱהִי אָדוֹם וַיִּשְׁמַעְאֲלִים מוֹאֵב וְהַגָּרִים:

גָּבַל וַעֲמֹן וַעֲמֶלֶק פָּלְשֶׁת עִם יִשְׁבִּי צוֹר:

גַּם אֲשׁוּר נִלְוָה עִמָּם הָיוּ זִרְעַ לִבְנֵי לוֹט סָלָה:

עָשָׂה לָהֶם כְּמִדְיָן כְּסִיסְרָא כְּיִבִּין בְּנַחַל קִישׁוֹן:

נִשְׁמְדוּ בְּעֵין דָּאֵר הָיוּ דָמָן לְאַדְמָה:

שִׁיתֵּמוּ נְדִיבֵמוּ כְּעָרֵב וְכִזְאָב וְכִזְבַּח וְכִצְלָמְנָע כָּל גְּסִיכְמוֹ:

אֲשֶׁר אָמְרוּ נִירְשָׁה לָנוּ אֵת גְּאוֹת אֱלֹהִים:

אֱלֹהֵי שִׁיתֵּמוּ כַּגִּלְגָּל כְּקֶשׁ לִפְנֵי רוּחַ:

כְּאֵשׁ תִּבְעַר יָעַר וְכִלְהָבָה תִּלְהַט הָרִים:

כֵּן תִּרְדָּפֶם בְּסַעֲרָה וּבְסוּפָתָהּ תִּבְהַלֵּם:

מִלֵּא פְּנֵיהֶם קִלּוֹן וַיִּבְקְשׁוּ שְׁמָךְ יְהוָה:

יִבְשׁוּ וַיִּבְהָלוּ עַדִּי עַד וַיִּחַפְּרוּ וַיֵּאבְדּוּ:

וַיִּדְעוּ כִּי אַתָּה שְׁמָךְ יְהוָה לִבְדָּהּ עֲלִיוֹן עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ:

שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֶשָּׂא עֵינַי אֶל הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יָבֹא עֲזָרִי:

עֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה שְׁמִים וְאָרֶץ:

אֵל יִתֵּן לַמוֹט רִגְלָהּ אֵל יָנוּם שְׁמֶרָהּ:

הִנֵּה לֹא יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל:

יְהוָה שְׁמֶרָהּ יְהוָה צִלָּהּ עַל יַד מִיָּנָהּ:

יוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא יִכָּכֶה וַיֵּרַח בִּלְיָלָהּ:

יְהוָה יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל רָע יִשְׁמֹר אֶת נַפְשְׁךָ:

יְהוָה יִשְׁמֹר צַאתְךָ וּבואְךָ מִצֵּתָה וְעַד עוֹלָם:

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שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת מִמַּעַמְקִים קָרָאתִיהָ יְהוָה:

אֲדֹנִי שְׁמַעָה בְּקוֹלִי תַּהֲיֶינָה אָזְנֶיךָ קִשְׁבוֹת לְקוֹל תַּחֲנוּנִי:

אִם עֲוֹנוֹת תִּשְׁמֹר יְהוָה אֲדֹנִי מִי יַעֲמֹד:

כִּי עָמַךְ הִסְלִיכָה לְמַעַן תִּגְוֹרָא:

קוֹיֵתִי יְהוָה קִוְּתָה נַפְשִׁי וְלִדְבָרוֹ הוֹחֵלֵתִי:

נַפְשִׁי לֹאֲדֹנִי מִשְׁמָרִים לְבַקֵּר שְׁמָרִים לְבַקֵּר:

יַחַל יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵל יְהוָה כִּי עִם יְהוָה הַחֲסֹד וְהַרְפָּה עֲמוֹ פְּדוּת:

וְהוּא יַפְּדֶה אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכָּל עֲוֹנֹתָיו:

לְמַעֲשֶׂה WHAT TO TAKE HOME

When you feel weighed down by your mistakes, do not keep silent or try to hide them. Open your heart to Hashem in honest confession, and then immediately shift your focus to absolute trust in His forgiveness and constant protection, knowing that He never slumbers and is always guarding your steps.

Today, the moment you feel a heavy heart or a sense of spiritual distance, stop what you are doing, speak to Hashem in your own words to acknowledge your mistake, and then say out loud: 'My help is from Hashem, who forgives and guards my soul.'