Chullin 11 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Two Types of Rov

The Gemara establishes two types of **rov (majority)**

- **Rov that is countable (in front of you)**:
    - Beis Din (12 vs 11)
    - 9 kosher shops vs 1 non-kosher

👉 This is clearly from the Torah

- **Rov that is not countable**:
    - Not visible
    - Based on general reality

👉 Main question of the sugya:

- Where is the source for this type?

2️⃣ Case – Yibum with a Minor

- One party is a minor
- Concern: maybe he will later be unable to have children

👉 If so:

- Yibum would be invalid

👉 Yet we allow it:

- Because:
  👉 We rely on rov (most people are capable)

👉 Question:

- What is the source for relying on such a rov?

3️⃣ Ten Proof Attempts – and Why Each Fails

The Gemara brings a series of cases to prove rov — each is rejected:

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1. Daily Korban (Head of the Animal)

- Concern: maybe the **brain membrane has a hole** → animal is treifa
- Cannot break the head to check

👉 Rejection:

- Maybe they **checked in another way** (opened carefully without invalidating it)

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2. Korban Pesach

- Cannot break bones → cannot inspect internal defects

👉 Rejection:

- Could **burn through the skull** and check
- Burning is not considered breaking

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3. Fat Tail (Aliyah)

- Removing it might **sever the spinal cord** → treifa

👉 Rejection:

- Maybe it was cut in a place where it does not cause treifa
- Or possibly **checked afterward**

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4. Eglah Arufah

- The calf might be a treifa

👉 Rejection:

- Special דין of **kaparah** — not a general proof

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5. Parah Adumah

- Must be complete and not treifa

👉 Rejection:

- It lived **12 months** → already has a **chazakah** it is not treifa

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6. Yom Kippur Goats

- One goat might be treifa

👉 Rejection:

- Requirement is only that it be **fit initially**
- Not proof for rov

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7. Killing a Murderer

- Maybe the victim was already a treifa
- Killing a treifa does not carry death penalty

👉 Rejection:

- Cannot perform **autopsy** (disrespect to the dead)
- No proof from here

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8. Identity of a Father

- How do we know the father is really the father?

👉 Answer:

- We rely on rov

👉 Rejection:

- Case can be set up with certainty (e.g. no doubt scenario)

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9. Additional Murder Scenario

- Maybe the killing blow entered through an existing fatal wound

👉 Rejection:

- Case can be constructed without such uncertainty (e.g. drowning)

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10. Edim Zomemim (False Witnesses)

- Maybe the victim was a treifa
- Then witnesses should not be killed

👉 Rejection attempt:

- Maybe we could check

👉 Final issue:

- Cannot check (person must be alive for punishment)

4️⃣ **Strong Proof – Edim Zomemim**

👉 Despite all concerns:

- We still punish false witnesses

👉 Conclusion:

- We rely on rov:
  👉 Most people are not treifa

5️⃣ **Strongest Proof – Shechita**

- Torah says:
  👉 Shecht and eat

👉 Concern:

- Maybe knife cut exactly where defect already existed

👉 We do not check for this

👉 Therefore:

- We rely on rov:
  👉 Most animals are not treifa
- Rashi says relying on רוב must be derived from הלכה למשה מסיני, or from אחרי רבים להטות.

6️⃣ **Key Rule from the Sugya**

👉 When something **can be checked → we check**

👉 When something **cannot be determined → rely on rov**

Practical Outcome

- We do not check all possible defects (18 treifos)
- We only check:
    - Common issues (like lungs)

👉 Everything else:

- Relies on rov

🔑 **Key Takeaways**

- Two types of rov: countable and non-countable
- Main sugya: source of non-countable rov
- Ten attempted proofs — all rejected
- Strongest applications:
    - Edim Zomemim
    - Shechita
- Rule:
    - If checkable → check
    - If not → rely on rov
- Final source: Halacha from Sinai
- Practical halacha depends on rov

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