Chullin 63 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Similar Bird Names – Different Halacha

Gemara:

👉 Two birds with similar names:

- **Tarnagolta d'Agma** → אסור
- **Tarnagolta d'Agma (other)** → מותר

📌 יסוד

👉 Even if names are similar:

- They may be **different species**

👉 Halacha depends on:

- Exact identification

2️⃣ דריסה – Key סימן

👉 Why was one אסור?

📌 Reason

👉 It was seen to:

- **Grab / step on its food (דורס)**

👉 סימן of:

- Non-kosher bird

3️⃣ Mesorah – Critical Rule

👉 Even if a bird has סימנים:

📌 דין

👉 Cannot rely on סימנים alone

👉 Need:

- **מסורת (tradition)**

📌 **Example**

👉 For generations people ate a bird

👉 Later discovered:

- It was דורס

👉 Conclusion:

- Minhag alone is not proof

4️⃣ **Practical Psak**

👉 Therefore:

👉 Only eat birds with:

- Clear mesorah

👉 Even if:

- סימנים seem correct

5️⃣ **Additional Bird Cases**

👉 Many birds listed:

- Some clearly מותר
- Some clearly אסור
- Some ספק

📌 **דרך**

👉 Use:

- סימנים
- Behaviour
- Tradition

6️⃣ Behaviour סימן

👉 Example:

👉 Bird that:

- Bows while eating → אסור

👉 Bird that:

- Stands and eats → מותר

📌 Memory tool

👉 עבודה זרה → bowing

👉 Therefore:

- Bowing bird → אסור

7️⃣ Named Birds Rules

👉 Different birds listed with rules:

📌 Examples

👉 Some depend on:

- Eating style
- Name
- Tradition

👉 Not always obvious

8️⃣ **Flamingo-Type Case**

👉 Bird described:

- Long legs
- Red colour

📌 **דין**

👉 Considered:

- מותר

👉 Based on:

- Identification in sugya

9️⃣ **Hoopoe (דוכיפת)**

👉 Famous bird:

📌 **Aggadah**

👉 Brought the **Shamir**

👉 Used for:

- Cutting stones for בית המקדש

🔟 **שָׁלָךְ (Cormorant)**

👉 Bird that dives for fish

📌 **Lesson**

👉 When seeing it:

👉 Say:

- “משפטיך תהום רבה”

👉 Represents:

- Deep דין

1️⃣ 1️⃣ Ant Lesson

👉 When seeing ant:

👉 Say:

- “צדקתך כהררי אל”

👉 Represents:

- Hashem’s חסד

1️⃣ 2️⃣ Minhag vs Halacha

👉 Some birds allowed only:

- Where custom exists

📌 Reason

👉 Fear of:

- פרס ועזניה

👉 Dangerous confusion

1️⃣ 3️⃣ ספק Birds

👉 Some birds unclear:

📌 Example

👉 Gizzard:

- Does not peel cleanly

👉 Therefore:

- אסור → ספק

1️⃣4️⃣ Counting Treif Birds

👉 מחלוקת:

- **Rav** → 24 birds
- **Rav Abahu** → 23 birds

📌 Reason

👉 Whether certain birds:

- Count as one or separate

1️⃣5️⃣ Final Count יסוד

👉 Only a **small number** of birds are treif

👉 Out of thousands:

- Only ~24 אסור

📌 Result

👉 Most birds:

- Are kosher in theory

👉 But in practice:

- Need mesorah

1️⃣6️⃣ Fish & Grasshoppers

👉 Fish:

- Many species → mostly kosher

👉 Grasshoppers:

- Few have mesorah

1️⃣7️⃣ Final יסוד

- Similar names do not mean same halacha
- דריסה is a critical סימן
- Mesorah is essential for birds
- Minhag alone is unreliable
- ספק cases are avoided
- Only a small number of birds are actually treif
- Practical kashrus depends on tradition + סימנים

🔑 Key Takeaways (English)

- Birds with similar names can have completely different halachic status
- A bird that grabs or steps on its food is not kosher
- You cannot rely only on סימנים — mesorah is essential
- Long-standing custom does not override halacha if discovered wrong
- Many birds fall into doubtful categories and are avoided
- There is a debate whether there are 23 or 24 non-kosher birds
- In theory, most birds are kosher, but in practice we rely on tradition
- Kashrus of birds depends heavily on correct identification

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