Chullin 7 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ **Testimony of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Zeruz (רבי יהושע בן זרוז) – Beis She'an (בית שאן)**

- **Rabbi Yehoshua ben Zeruz (רבי יהושע בן זרוז)** testified before **Rebbi (רבי)**:

👉 He saw **Rebbi Meir (רבי מאיר)** eat produce in **Beis She'an** without taking maaser

- Implication:

👉 Beis She'an is treated as **חוץ לארץ**(no חיוב מעשר)

- **Rebbi (רבי)** accepted this and ruled:

👉 **Beis She'an פטורה ממעשר**

2️⃣ **Challenge to Rebbi – Mesorah vs New Psak**

- Rebbi's family challenged him:

👉 Earlier generations treated it as **Eretz Yisrael** (took maaser)

- Rebbi responded with precedent:

👉 **Chizkiyahu (חזקיהו)** destroyed the **נחש הנחושת**

- Question:

👉 Why didn't earlier tzaddikim remove it?

- Answer:

👉 They **left something for later generations** to accomplish

👉 Rebbi applied same idea:

👉 "מקום הניחו לי אבותי להתגדר בו"

3️⃣ **Accepting Testimony (לא מנדין / לא מזניחין / לא משניחין)**

- Principle:

👉 When a talmid brings a chiddush — **don't reject or ignore him immediately**

- Even if it sounds incorrect:

👉 Investigate seriously

- Lesson:

👉 Avoid gaavah → leads to machlokes

👉 Torah requires **anavah + careful listening**

4️⃣ Source – Status of Beis She'an

- Pasuk implies it was captured

👉 **"ולא הוריש…"**

- Resolution:

👉 Distinction between two קדושות

1. **Kedushah of Olei Mitzrayim** → temporary
2. **Kedushah of Olei Bavel** → permanent

👉 Beis She'an:

- Captured first time
- NOT recaptured second time

→ Therefore:

👉 No lasting kedushah → פטור ממעשר

5️⃣ Why Not Recapture?

- Practical reason:

👉 Leave nearby area as **חוץ לארץ**

→ So produce available during **שמיטה**

👉 Supports poor people

6️⃣ Question – Rebbi Meir's Case

- What exactly happened?

👉 He ate a leaf without maaser

- Possible explanations rejected:

1. **אכילת עראי**→ would be permitted anyway

2. Maybe not finished produce (**גמר מלאכה**)
3. Maybe accidental

👉 All rejected

7️⃣ Tzaddik Principle

- Cannot say it was a mistake:

👉 **אין הקב״ה מביא תקלה על ידי צדיקים**

- Even animal of **Pinchas ben Yair (פנחס בן יאיר)** avoided issur

👉 Certainly a tzaddik would not fail

8️⃣ Additional Possibility Rejected

- Maybe he planned to separate later

👉 Not possible for a **חבר**

- Maybe he separated mentally

👉 Also rejected

👉 Conclusion:

👉 Testimony is precise → proves Beis She’an status

9️⃣ Story – Pinchas ben Yair (פנחס בן יאיר)

River Splitting

- On way to **פדיון שבויים**
- River refused to split

👉 Argument:

- River: I do רצון ה׳ constantly
- You: maybe succeed, maybe not
- Response:

👉 He forced it → river split

- Then split again for:
    - Another mitzvah-doer
    - Even a non-Jew (to avoid chilul Hashem)

👉 Shows extreme **koach of tzaddik**

Comparison to Moshe

- Statement:

👉 Greater than Moshe?

- Clarified:

👉 Different level:

- Moshe → before Torah
- Here → after Torah

👉 Torah gives added כוח

1️⃣0️⃣ Donkey & Maaser

- His donkey refused to eat

👉 Even after preparation

- Only ate after:

👉 **Maaser was taken**

1️⃣1️⃣ Dmai Rule Clarification

- Normally:

👉 Animal can eat **דמאי**

- But here:

👉 Food originally intended for human

→ Became obligated

1️⃣2️⃣ Insight

- Donkey acted **stringently**

👉 "חמור מחמיר על עצמו"

- Demonstrates:

👉 Tzaddik's environment elevates even animals

1️⃣3️⃣ Invitation from Rebbi (רבי)

- Rebbi invited Pinchas ben Yair

👉 He agreed initially

- Later refused

Reason:

👉 Dangerous animals (white mules) present

→ סכנה

1️⃣4️⃣ Attempts to Fix

Rebbi suggested:

- Sell them → causes damage to others (**לפני עור**)
- Make hefker → still dangerous
- Injure them → **צער בעלי חיים**
- Kill them → **בל תשחית**

👉 No solution accepted

1️⃣5️⃣ Outcome

- Miracle separated them
- Rebbi cried:

👉 If tzaddikim are protected in life
👉 Certainly after death

1️⃣6️⃣ Aggadah – Elisha (אלישע)

- Dead man revived when touching bones

👉 Question:

- Elisha only did one revival in life
- Answer:

👉 Second = healing Naaman's צרעת

👉 **מצורע חשוב כמת**

🔑 Key Takeaways

- Beis She'an = חוץ לארץ (based on second קדושה)
- Later generations can establish new psak
- Must take talmidim seriously
- אין הקב"ה מביא תקלה על ידי צדיקים
- Torah gives added כוח to tzaddikim
- קדושה affects even animals
- Halacha considers real-world consequences (damage, pain, danger)
- Aggadah reinforces depth of tzaddik influence

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