Chullin 8 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Dangerous Mules – "Yamim"

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi (רבי יהושע בן לוי) explains why wild mules are called "yamim" — because they place **fear on people** .

- Injuries from these mules:
    - People may survive
    - But wounds often **do not fully heal**

👉 Not all mules — specifically a **certain breed (red with white feet)** is extremely dangerous

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2️⃣ Kishuf vs Hashgacha

- A woman tried to take dirt from under **Rav Chanina (רב חנינא)** to perform sorcery
- He told her:

👉 It won't work

- Principle:

👉 **אין עוד מלבדו**— nothing operates independently of Hashem

- Clarification:

👉 Sorcery may have some effect within nature
👉 But cannot override someone with strong zechus

3️⃣ יסוד – Everything is Decreed

Rav Chanina (רב חנינא):

👉 A person does not even injure a finger unless it is decreed

- Even a small injury has a חשבון

Rabbi Elazar (רבי אלעזר):

👉 A small injury can be like a korban

Rava (רבא) qualifies:

- Only if:
    - Right toe

- Twice
- While going for a mitzvah

4️⃣ Shechita with a Heated Knife

Case:

👉 Knife heated until red-hot

Concern:

👉 Is the cut from:

- Sharpness (valid)
- Or heat (invalid)?

5️⃣ Key Rule

👉 **Cutting happens before burning**

- Sharpness acts first (even at micro-level)
- Heat comes afterward

6️⃣ Potential Problem

- After cutting first siman:

👉 Heat could damage it before second siman

- This would make it treif

7️⃣ Resolution

👉 When cutting:

- The שימנים **split apart immediately**
- Knife does not stay in contact long enough to burn

→ Therefore no invalid burning occurs

8️⃣ Tzaraas Sugya – Blow vs Burn

Two types:

- Blow (impact)
- Burn (heat)

👉 Halacha:

- They do **not combine**
- The **second action determines status**

9️⃣ Mixed Case – Heated Blow

Case:

👉 Heated metal strikes skin

Question:

👉 Is it considered:

- Blow first?
- Burn first?

🔟 Attempted Proof from Shechita

- By knife:

👉 Sharpness comes before heat

- Suggestion:

👉 Blow should come before burn

1️⃣1️⃣ Rejection

- Knife is different:

👉 Sharp edge has minimal heat

👉 Only cutting applies initially

- Cannot compare to blunt heated object

1️⃣2️⃣ Additional Case

- Heated object applied directly:

👉 Considered **burn**

- Shows:

👉 Heat can dominate depending on contact type

1️⃣3️⃣ Knife of Avodah Zarah

- Using a knife of Avodah Zarah:

👉 Shechita permitted in some cases

Reason:

👉 Shechita reduces value (mekalkel)
→ Not considered benefit

1️⃣4️⃣ When אסור / מותר

Rava (רבא):

- If animal already dying → אסור
  → Shechita improves it
- If cutting large meat into pieces → מותר
  → Reduces value

1️⃣5️⃣ New vs Used Knife

- New knife:

👉 Not yet used → not considered Avodah Zarah

- Used knife:

👉 Issue of absorbed fats

1️⃣6️⃣ Solutions

Two approaches:

- Cut off a thin slice
- Wash with water

👉 Machlokes which is required

1️⃣7️⃣ Reasoning

- During shechita:

👉 Blood flow pushes outward

→ Prevents absorption into meat

- Or:

👉 Pressure of knife may cause absorption

1️⃣8️⃣ Knife of Treifa

- Knife used on treifa animal

👉 Concern: forbidden fat absorbed

Solutions:

- Wash (even cold water)
- Or wipe thoroughly

👉 Practically done between shechitos

1️⃣9️⃣ Ever Min HaChai Issue

- While cutting:

👉 Knife passes through living tissue

- Concern:

👉 absorption of ever min hachai

2️⃣0️⃣ Resolution

👉 Absorption occurs when heated

- By that time:

👉 Animal already halachically dead

→ No issue of ever min hachai

🔑 **Key Takeaways**

- Dangerous mules cause lasting injury
- Sorcery cannot override Hashem's control
- Even minor injury is decreed
- In shechita, cutting precedes burning
- סימנים split, preventing heat damage
- Blow vs burn depends on sequence
- Knife of Avodah Zarah → depends on benefit vs damage
- Absorption issues solved via washing or trimming
- Ever min hachai concern resolved by timing

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