Menachos 110 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Story of Chonyo & Beis Chonyo

- After the passing of Shimon HaTzadik, there was a dispute between his sons

Two versions:

- One version:
  - Chonyo was appointed Kohen Gadol
  - His brother became jealous and plotted against him
- Second version:
  - Chonyo gave up the position to his older brother
  - Later regretted it and became jealous

👉 Result:

- A plot was made involving trickery and public embarrassment
- This led to a crisis among the Kohanim

2️⃣ Outcome – Chonyo Flees

- Chonyo fled to Alexandria

👉 There:

- He built **Beis Chonyo**

Machlokes:

- **Rebbi Meir** → it was for Avodah Zarah
- **Rebbi Yehuda** → it was for Hashem

👉 Big nafka mina:

- Was it holy or not

3️⃣ Lesson – Jealousy & Kavod

- Even someone who initially avoids honour can later fall into jealousy

👉 Comparison:

- Like Shaul HaMelech
    - First avoided kingship
    - Later fought to keep it

👉 Message:

- Desire for kavod can develop even after rejecting it

4️⃣ **Beis Chonyo Source**

- Pasuk says there will be a Mizbeach in Mitzrayim

👉 According to one view:

- Refers to Beis Chonyo being **for Hashem**

👉 According to others:

- Refers to a different historical event

5️⃣ **Torah Worldwide**

- “From sunrise to sunset My Name is great among the nations”

👉 Question:

- Are there places that don’t recognise Hashem?

👉 Answer:

- Nations recognise a Creator
- But deny **Hashgacha Pratis** (personal involvement)

6️⃣ **Learning Torah = Korbanos**

- Someone who learns Torah:

👉 It is considered like bringing Korbanos

- Learning at night:

👉 Like doing Avodah in the Beis HaMikdash

7️⃣ Learning Halachos of Korbanos

- Learning about Mincha / Korbanos:

👉 Considered as if you are offering them

👉 Even more:

- It's as if the **Beis HaMikdash was built in your time**

8️⃣ Torah vs Korbanos

- Learning Torah:

👉 Can replace Korbanos

- "La'Olah, LaMincha..."

👉 Means:

- You don't need the Korban if you learn Torah

9️⃣ Kavana – The Main Principle

- Big or small Korban → same phrase used

👉 Teaches:

- What matters is **intent (kavana)**
- A small offering with kavana
  = a large one without

🔟 Same Idea in Life

- Giving little with kavana
  = giving much without

👉 Hashem looks at:

- The **heart and intent**, not the amount

1️⃣1️⃣ Hashem Doesn't "Need" Korbanos

- Everything belongs to Hashem

👉 Korbanos are:

- For **us**, not for Him

1️⃣ 2️⃣ Importance of Intent in Mitzvos

- Without kavana:

👉 Actions lose value

Example:

- Shechita without intent → invalid

🔑 Key Takeaways

- The story of Chonyo highlights danger of jealousy and kavod
- Beis Chonyo is a major machlokes (for Hashem or Avodah Zarah)
- Nations may believe in a Creator but deny involvement
- Learning Torah is equivalent to bringing Korbanos
- Learning Korbanos = building the Beis HaMikdash
- Kavona is more important than quantity
- Mitzvos are for us — not because Hashem needs them

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