Menachos 12 – Good Morning Raboisai

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1 What Is a Minchah and Its Four Avodos

The daf opens by reviewing the **structure of a Minchah**:

A **Minchah** is a flour offering, sometimes mixed with oil and levonah.
It parallels animal korbanos and has **four avodos**, analogous to Zevachim:

1. **Kemitzah** – removing flour with three fingers
   (parallel to Shechitah)
2. **Nesinah b'Kli** – placing the kemitzah into a second kli shares
   (parallel to Kabbalah)
3. **Holachah** – walking it to the Mizbeach
4. **Haktarah** – burning the kemitzah on the Mizbeach

The **kemitzah** is the **matir**, permitting the **shirayim** to be eaten by the Kohanim.

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2 Pigul in a Minchah – Chutz LaZman vs. Chutz LaMakom

Just like animal korbanos, a Minchah can become **pigul** through מחשבה פסולה.

Two types of improper thoughts:

- **חוץ לזמן (Chutz LaZman)**
  Thinking to eat it **after its permitted time**
  → **Pigul with כרת**
- **חוץ למקום (Chutz LaMakom)**
  Thinking to eat it **outside its permitted place**
  → פסול, **no כרת**

A Minchah may only be eaten **one day**.
Thinking "I'll eat it tomorrow" during **any one** of the four avodos creates pigul.

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3 "Eating" Includes the Mizbeach

A key yesod:

- **Haktarah** (burning on the Mizbeach) is also considered **"eating"**
- The Mizbeach is described as "eating" the kemitzah

Therefore:

- Thinking to burn the kemitzah **tomorrow** is also **chutz lazman**
- Thinking to burn it **outside the Mikdash** is **chutz lamakom**

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4 One Machshavah Only — No Mixing

For pigul to take effect:

- There must be **one pure, single invalid thought**

If a Kohen thinks:

- "Tomorrow" **and** "outside the Mikdash"
  → Pigul **does not** take effect

Rules:

- **Chutz LaZman first**, then Chutz LaMakom
  → Pigul remains (כרת applies)
- **Chutz LaMakom first**, then Chutz LaZman
  → פסול, no כרת

You cannot "upgrade" a weaker machshavah into pigul.

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5 K'zayis — Physical vs. Mental

The Mishnah repeatedly mentions **כְּזַיִת**.

Two possibilities:

- A **physical k'zayis** remains in the bowl
- Or the **machshavah** was about eating a k'zayis

This distinction becomes central later.

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6 Shirayim Went Missing — What Is the Status?

Case:

- After kemitzah, some **shirayim** are missing (e.g. eaten by a mouse)

Questions:

- Does haktarah still permit the shirayim?

- Can pigul still take effect?
- Does **me'ilah** get removed?

Rabbi Yochanan:

- The kemitzah may still be burned
- Even if shirayim are missing

Comparison:

- To **Zerikas haDam** on meat that went **outside** (יוצא)

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7 Missing vs. Outside — A Critical Distinction

Rava introduces a powerful sevara:

- **Yotzei (outside)** → physically intact, but in the wrong place
- **Chaser (missing)** → something is gone entirely

Despite this:

- If what remains is **inside** the Mikdash,
  it is still considered **"in the game"**

Therefore:

- Haktarah can still work
- Pigul can still apply
- Me'ilah can still be removed

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8 Rebbi Chiya's Version of the Mishnah

Rebbi Chiya records the Mishnah **without mentioning k'zayis**.

Why?

Two explanations:

- Rava: because k'zayis cannot apply to kemitzah
- Abaye: because Rebbi Chiya follows **Rabbi Elazar**

Rabbi Elazar holds:

- Partial offerings do **not** combine

- A k’zayis alone is insufficient in certain cases

Thus:

- The omission is **intentional**, not accidental

9️⃣ Minchas Chotei and Minchas Kenaos

Special cases:

- **Minchas Chotei**
- **Minchas Kenaos**

If the Kohen thinks:

- It is a **different Minchah type**
  → The offering is **discarded entirely**

If this wrong identification is combined with pigul thoughts:

- Pigul **does not** take effect
- Because there is already a disqualifying machshavah

🔟 Lechem HaPanim Parallel

A related halacha:

- If **one loaf** of Lechem HaPanim breaks
  → **All loaves are forbidden**

But if one loaf becomes **tamei**:

- The **tzitz** may permit it

Key distinction:

- **Broken = missing**
- **Tamei = intact but defiled**

Again:

Missing is worse than outside or tamei

✨ Takeaway – Menachos 12

- A Minchah has four avodos parallel to korbanos
- Pigul applies through machshavah during any avodah
- Haktarah counts as “eating”
- Only one pure invalid thought creates pigul
- Chutz LaZman is stricter than Chutz LaMakom
- Shirayim missing does not necessarily block haktarah
- “Missing” is often worse than “outside”
- Rebbi Chiya’s wording reflects a deliberate shittah
- Precision in both **thought** and **substance** defines validity

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