Menachos 27 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Placement on the Mizbeach – On the Fire or Under the Wood?

The daf opens with a fundamental question about **הַקְטָרָה**:

- Must the **kometz / eimurim** be placed **on top of the firewood**?
- Or may they be placed **directly on the Mizbeach**, with the wood added afterward?

Two possibilities:

- **Derech haktarah** requires placing the korban **on the wood**
- Or perhaps:

As long as it is eventually burned, the order does not matter

The Gemara leaves several of these practical cases **teiku**.

2️⃣ **"עַל" – Literally On, or Merely Near?**

This leads to a broader linguistic debate:

The Torah repeatedly uses the word **"עַל"**:

- "עַל הָעֵצִים"
- "עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ"

Does **"עַל"** mean:

- **Literally on top of**, or
- **Adjacent / next to**?

Proofs are brought from:

- **Lechem HaPanim** and its **bezichin**
    - One pasuk implies on top
    - Another implies next to

Result:

- **Machlokes Tannaim**
- But by haktarah, the stronger reading is:

“עַל” = literally on top

Therefore:

- Eimurim must be placed **directly on the fire**

3️⃣ Smoke Without Flame – Is That Valid?

Case:

- The eimurim are placed **next to the flame**
- They burn via heat or smoke, not direct fire

Question:

Is this considered valid haktarah?

Again:

- This depends on whether “עַל” is literal
- According to the strict view → **Posul**
- According to the lenient view → possibly **Kosher**

4️⃣ Precision in Kemitzah – Nothing May Fall

We now enter a new theme:

Exactness in Kodshim

Rule:

- If **any amount** falls from the Kohen’s hand during **kemitzah**
- That kometz may **not** be offered

Reason:

- Kemitzah must be **exact**
- Missing even a drop invalidates

This introduces a long Mishnah listing items that are **מְעַכֵּב זֶה אֶת זֶה**.

5️⃣ Measurements That Are Absolutely Exact

The Mishnah lists multiple cases where **precision is mandatory**:

- **Isaron** (flour measure)
- **Revi'is** (wine / oil)
- **Oil and flour**
- **Flour and levonah**

Principle:

If the Torah states a shiur **twice**,
it becomes **מעכב**(שְׁנָה עָלָיו הַכָּתוּב)

Thus:

- Missing or extra → **Posul**

6️⃣ Pairs That Cannot Be Separated

Classic examples:

- **Two goats of Yom Kippur**
- **Two sheep of Shavuos**
- **Two bezichin** of Lechem HaPanim

Rule:

One without the other is **no good**

Reason:

- The Torah calls them:
  - **חֻקָּה**
  - **הַוָיָה**

Meaning:

- "This is how it must be — no deviation"

7️⃣ Larger Sets – All or Nothing

More examples:

- **Lechem HaPanim**:
  - All **12 loaves** are required

- **Korban Todah**:
    - All **4 types of bread**
- **Metzora**:
    - All components (birds, oil, log, etc.)

If **any part** is missing:

The entire process fails

8️⃣ Seven Sprinklings – Each One Ma'akev

This applies to:

- **Parah Adumah**
- **Par Kohen Mashiach**
- **Par Helem Davar**
- **Yom Kippur Avodah**

Rule:

- If **even one sprinkling** is missing → **Pasul**

Source:

- The Torah repeats the requirement
- Or labels it **חֻקָּה**

9️⃣ Location Matters – Facing the Heichal

By certain sprinklings:

- The Kohen must face the **Heichal**
- If not:
    - Sometimes **Pasul**
    - Sometimes **Kasher**

This depends on:

- Whether the pasuk's "**אֶל**" is **dafka** or **lav dafka**
- A major machlokes between **Rabbanan** and **Rabbi Yehudah**

🔟 Entering Sacred Areas – Levels of Severity

Three locations:

1. **Heichal**
2. **Kodesh HaKodashim**
3. **Between the Badim (Ben HaBadim)**

Machlokes:

- Where is one **Chayav Misa**?
- Where only **Malkus**?

Key dispute:

- Is the Torah describing **three distinct levels**
- Or repeating for emphasis?

This parallels the "עַל / אֶל" debate:

- Literal vs non-literal reading

✨ Takeaway – Menachos 27

- Haktarah requires **proper placement**, not just burning
- "עַל" is often taken **literally**
- Kemitzah demands absolute precision
- Many korbanos are **all-or-nothing**
- Pairs and sets are **mutually ma'akev**
- Repetition and "chukah" create indispensability
- Location and direction matter in avodah
- In Kodshim, **exact structure is everything**

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