Menachos 85 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Best Quality for Mincha – "Soless"

A Mincha must be brought from the **finest flour (soless)** – the best of the best.

👉 Not from:

- Fertilised fields
- Irrigated fields
- Fields with trees mixed in

❗ If brought from these → **Kosher b'dieved**

2️⃣ How to Produce Top-Quality Wheat

Process:

1. First year → **plough only (no planting)**
2. Second year → **plough again + plant**

👉 Result: superior quality wheat

3️⃣ How Many Ploughings?

Two approaches:

- **3 ploughings** (1st year + 2nd year + before planting)
- **2 ploughings** (practical conclusion)

Final approach:
👉 Alternate planting halves of the field each year
→ Each section gets **2 ploughings before planting**

4️⃣ Ideal Field for Omer

Best field:

- South of Yerushalayim
- Gets **sun all day (sunrise to sunset)**
- Specially prepared for Omer

5️⃣ Processing the Grain

Steps:

- Harvest
- Bundle
- Thresh
- Winnow
- Select best grains
- Grind
- Sift

Quality check:
👉 Gizbar inserts hand:

- If **fine dust (regular flour)** → reject
- Must be **coarse soless**

Extra check:

- Some put oil on hand → traps bad flour

6️⃣ Wormy Grain

If wheat contains worms:

- If majority infested → **Pasul**

Uncertainty:

- Do we judge per grain or whole batch? → **Teiku**

7️⃣ Hekdesh on Pasul Items

If someone is makdish:

- Wormy wheat
- Wormy wood

👉 Question:

- Is it like a **baal mum (gets malkus)?**

➡️ Unresolved → **Teiku**

8️⃣ Olive Oil – Best Sources

Top locations:

1. **Tekoa** – best quality oil
2. **Regev (Ever HaYarden)** – second

👉 All other areas:

- Kosher
- But not ideal

9️⃣ Invalid Olive Oil

Not allowed:

- From fertilised orchards
- From irrigated orchards
- From mixed planting

Also Pasul:

- Pickled olives
- Boiled olives
- Soaked olives

🔟 Aggadah – Wisdom of Tekoa

Why was the wise woman taken from Tekoa?

👉 Because:

- They had abundant **olive oil**
- Oil brings **wisdom**

1️⃣1️⃣ Story – The Oil Merchant

A buyer needed massive quantities of oil:

- Sent across Eretz Yisrael
- Found a simple-looking farmer

The farmer:

- Acted like a regular worker
- Didn't rush for business

But later:

- Revealed massive wealth
- Supplied huge amounts of oil
- Even extended credit

🔑 Lesson

- True wealth is often hidden
- External appearance ≠ reality
- "יש מתעשר ואין כל, מתרושש והון רב"

🔑 Key Takeaways

- Mincha requires **highest quality (soless)**
- Proper field prep is essential (ploughing system)
- Omer comes from **ideal sun-exposed fields**
- Strict quality control (no dust, no worms)
- Some halachos remain unresolved (Teiku)
- Tekoa = centre of high-quality oil and wisdom
- Hidden wealth vs external appearance