Menachos 86 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Inferior Oil – Status

The Mishnah discusses lower-quality olive oil (e.g. from underdeveloped olives, sediment, or bad smell):

- Such oil is **pasul** for Menachos
- Reason: not considered proper oil (more like moisture or waste)

2️⃣ Using Pasul Oil for Hekdesh

If someone donates poor-quality oil:

👉 Question:

- Is it like donating a **baal mum** (gets malkus)?
- Or only applies to animals?

➡️ **Teiku** (unresolved)

3️⃣ Three Levels of Olives (Harvest Stages)

Olives are harvested in **3 stages**:

1. **Top of tree (best, most sun)**
2. **Middle**
3. **Bottom (worst, least sun)**

Each level produces different quality oil

4️⃣ Three Extraction Methods

Each harvest has **3 extraction stages**:

1. **Crushing (כתישה)** → best oil
2. **Pressing (beam/stones)** → medium
3. **Grinding (טחינה)** → lowest

5️⃣ The 9 Oil Grades System

Each oil is graded by:

👉 (Harvest level) + (Extraction stage)

Examples:

- **1-1** = best (top olives, first extraction)
- **3-3** = worst (bottom olives, final extraction)

Lower number = higher quality

6️⃣ Which Oil Goes Where

- **Menorah** → only highest quality (first extraction)
- **Menachos** → can use lower grades

👉 Principle:

- Menorah needs **pure, clear oil**
- Menachos need **good oil (not necessarily best clarity)**

7️⃣ Equal Grades Concept

Some oils are "equal" for Menachos:

Example:

- 2-1 and 1-2 → both same "value"

But:

❗ Not equal for Menorah

- Only specific top grades qualify

8️⃣ Rebbi Yehuda's Differences

Rebbi Yehuda argues:

- Use **stones**, not heavy beam
- Place olives on **side of basket**, not bottom
- Prefer **gentler extraction**

9️⃣ Torah Saves Money

Pasuk:
“זך כתית למאור”

👉 Only Menorah needs:

- Pure crushed oil

👉 Menachos:

- Do NOT require highest grade

💡 Lesson:

- “התורה חסה על ממונן של ישראל”
- Torah considers financial burden

🔟 Menorah & Shulchan Insight

- Menorah (light) not placed near Shulchan (bread)
- Shows:
    - Hashem **does not need light or food**
    - Light is for the world, not for Hashem

1️⃣1️⃣ Windows of the Beis Hamikdash

Windows were:

- **Narrow inside, wide outside**

👉 Opposite of normal design

💡 Message:

- Light goes **outward to the world**

1️⃣2️⃣ Ner Ma’aravi – The Miracle

- Middle lamp (Ner Ma’aravi):
    - Same oil as others
    - Lit first

    - Lasted longest

👉 Sign of **Shechinah resting on Klal Yisrael**

🔑 **Key Takeaways**

- Oil quality depends on **harvest level + extraction method**
- Best oil reserved for **Menorah only**
- Menachos can use lower grades
- Some halachos remain unresolved (Teiku)
- Torah balances **mitzvah quality with financial sensitivity**
- Menorah symbolizes **light spreading to the world**
- Ner Ma’aravi = constant testimony of Hashra’as HaShechinah