Zevachim 118 – Good Morning Raboisai

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1 Individual vs. Community on a Bamah

The daf opens with the rule that **korbanos brought in the Midbar** could also be brought when Klal Yisrael entered **Gilgal**.

Key distinction:

- **Yachid (individual)**:
  - May bring only **nedavah** (voluntary korbanos)
  - May **not** bring **chovah** (obligatory korbanos)
- **Tzibbur (community)**:
  - May bring **both nedavah and chovah**

Source:

- The pasuk emphasizes **"אִישׁ הַיָּשָׁר בְּעֵינָיו"**
  - "Yashar" = what comes from one's own heart
  - Voluntary, not forced by obligation

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2 The Word "Ish" — Who May Perform Avodah on a Bamah

The Torah unnecessarily adds the word **"איש"**, which teaches a major chiddush:

- On a **bamah**, avodah may be done by a **Yisrael**, not only a Kohen

Contrast:

- In the Beis HaMikdash → only **Kohanim**
- On a private bamah → **zar is kasher**

Rejection of an alternative:

- Not limited to **Bechorim**
- Any Yisrael may perform the avodah

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3 Obligatory Korbanos with a Fixed Time

Rabbi Shimon introduces a qualification:

- A **korban chovah** with a **fixed time** (קָבוּעַ זְמַן)
    - Example: **Korban Pesach**
- May still be brought when bamot are permitted

But:

- A chovah **without** a fixed time
    - Example: **Par He'elem Davar**
- May **not** be brought on a bamah

Reason:

- Fixed-time korbanos were never suspended
- They must be brought when their time arrives

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4 Korban Pesach in the Midbar — A Proof

Challenge:

- If chovah korbanos are not brought on a bamah,
  how was **Korban Pesach** brought in the Midbar?

Answer:

- Pesach has a **fixed annual time**
- Therefore, it overrides the general rule

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5 Bris Milah, Tumah, and Parah Adumah

Important historical chiddush:

- During the 40 years in the Midbar:
    - **No one had bris milah**
- When entering Eretz Yisrael:
    - Mass bris milah took place on **11 Nissan**
- Four days later → **Korban Pesach**

Problem:

- Most of Klal Yisrael were **tamei meis**

- Not enough time for:
    - Day 3 and Day 7 sprinkling

Conclusion:

- **Parah Adumah sprinkling was done even on people without bris milah**
- This proves:
    - Bris milah is **not a prerequisite** for becoming tahor via Parah Adumah

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6 Bamah Gedolah vs. Bamah Ketannah — A Clear Nafkamina

The Gemara seeks a clean distinction:

- **Bamah Gedolah (public)**:
    - May bring even **chovah**
- **Bamah Ketannah (private)**:
    - Only **nedavah**

Best example:

- **Olah**
    - Exists as both:
        - Olah nedavah
        - Olah chovah (e.g. Tamid)

Other korbanos do not fit as cleanly.

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7 Shiloh — House or Tent?

Contradictory pesukim:

- One calls Shiloh a **"בית"**
- Another calls it an **"אוהל"**

Resolution:

- **Stone walls**
- **No roof**
- Covered with **fabric**

Unique halacha in Shiloh:

Kodshim Kalim may be eaten **anywhere that can see Shiloh**

Even far away — as long as there is **direct line of sight**.

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8 Seeing Shiloh — What Counts as "Seeing"?

Clarifications:

- Must **actually see**, not hypothetically
- Partial view is sufficient
- If standing you see it, but sitting you do not:
    - Machlokes whether this counts

Key rule:

If you cannot bring the korban there,
you also cannot shecht it there.

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9 Yosef HaTzaddik and Shiloh

Aggadic connection:

- Yosef resisted taking what was not his
- In reward:
    - His portion merited **Shiloh**
    - Where people benefit from korbanos **only if they truly see**

Measure-for-measure:

Yosef avoided improper benefit →
benefit from Shiloh requires honest sight.

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10 Tribal Boundaries — Yosef and Binyamin

Question:

- Shiloh was in **Ephraim (Yosef)**,
  yet the Shechinah rests in **Binyamin**?

Answer:

- The **Mizbeach** straddled borders
- Just as in the Beis HaMikdash:
    - Mizbeach crosses tribal lines
- Shiloh mirrored this structure

Binyamin:

- Desired the entire Mizbeach
- Was granted partial connection

✨ **Takeaway – Zevachim 118**

- Individuals on a bamah bring only voluntary korbanos
- Communities may bring obligatory ones
- Avodah on a bamah may be done by a Yisrael
- Fixed-time korbanos (Pesach) are never suspended
- Parah Adumah can purify even before bris milah
- Shiloh had walls but no roof
- Kodshim Kalim could be eaten anywhere with line-of-sight to Shiloh
- “Seeing” must be real, not hypothetical
- Yosef’s integrity shaped Shiloh’s kedushah
- Mizbeach sanctity can span tribal borders

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