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THE RIGHT HAND RULE & THE LEPER'S EXCEPTION



DERIVING THE "RIGHT" HAND

THE LEPER (METZORA)



Pour it into the palm of his **LEFT** hand.

If the Torah must specify 'Left' here...

THE MEAL OFFERING



And he filled his **HAND** from it.

UNSPECIFIED 'HAND' = RIGHT

WHY THE "LEFT" IS AN EXCEPTION

Doesn't the verse just teach that the Leper's oil goes on the left?

STOP → STOP → ✓

LEFT HAND (Restriction 1)

LEFT HAND (Restriction 2)

THE RULE:
Restriction + Restriction = Amplify (Allow Right?)



POOR LEPER



WEALTHY LEPER

THREE establish the 'Left Hand' for Lepers.
THE FOURTH restricts it only to Lepers.

DEFINING THE "PLACE" OF THE OIL

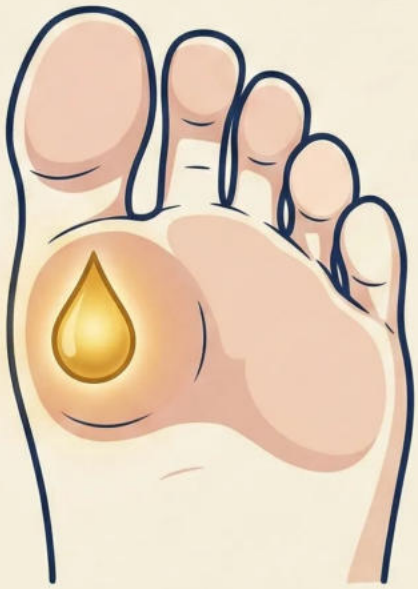
PERMITTING THE "SIDES"



✓ **VALID**

(Derived from Wealthy Leper's verse)

DISQUALIFYING "SIDES OF SIDES"

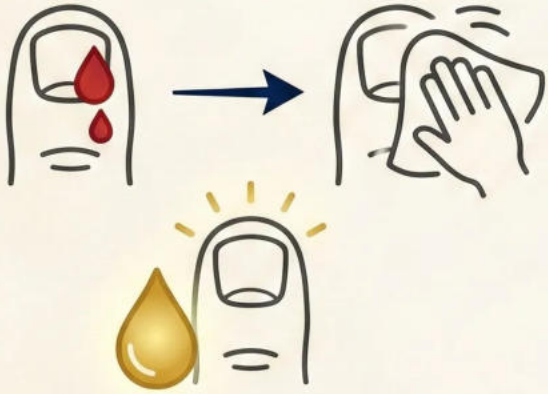


✗ **INVALID**

(Derived from Poor Leper's verse)

THE "BLOOD" VS. THE "PLACE"

SCENARIO 1: THE BLOOD IS WIPED OFF



Problem: If only 'Upon the blood' was written, this would be INVALID.

SOLUTION: "Upon the PLACE"

Teaches: Location matters, even without blood.

SCENARIO 2: THE BLOOD REMAINS



Problem: Is blood an interposition (Chatzitza)?

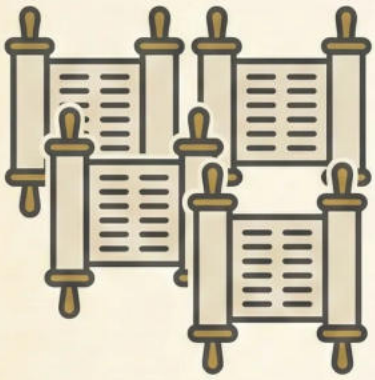
SOLUTION: "Upon the BLOOD"

Teaches: Blood is NOT an interposition.

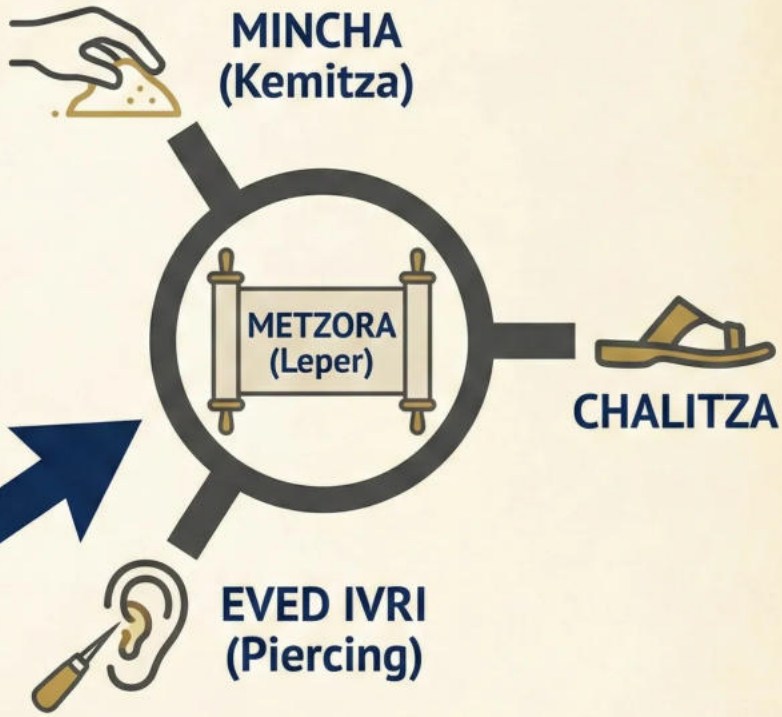
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RAVA'S QUESTION: WHY SO MANY VERSES?

MULTIPLE MENTIONS OF "RIGHT HAND" & "RIGHT FOOT"



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NOT for the Leper, but for GEZEIRA SHAVA to teach other laws.

RAVA'S GEZEIRA SHAVA NETWORK



KEMITZA
(Meal Offering)
= RIGHT Hand

MATCH: 'HAND'
(Yad) = 'HAND'

MATCH: 'FOOT'
(Regel) = 'FOOT'

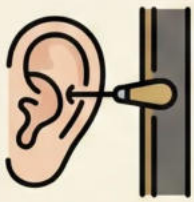


THE SOURCE:
METZORA (Leper)

Specifies **'RIGHT'** for Hand, Foot, Ear.



CHALITZA
(Shoe Removal)
= RIGHT Foot



MATCH: 'EAR'
(Ozen) = 'EAR'

RETZI'A
(Slave Piercing)
= RIGHT Ear

EXCLUDING THE "RIGHT" & EXPLAINING REPETITION

RAV SHEISHA: BLOCKING FALSE LOGIC



Regular Service:
Left rejected -> RIGHT used.



Leper Service:
Left accepted -> RIGHT should surely be accepted?
(*Kal Vachomer*)





EXTRA VERSE SAYS NO. ONLY LEFT.

R' YISHMAEL: THE REPETITION PRINCIPLE



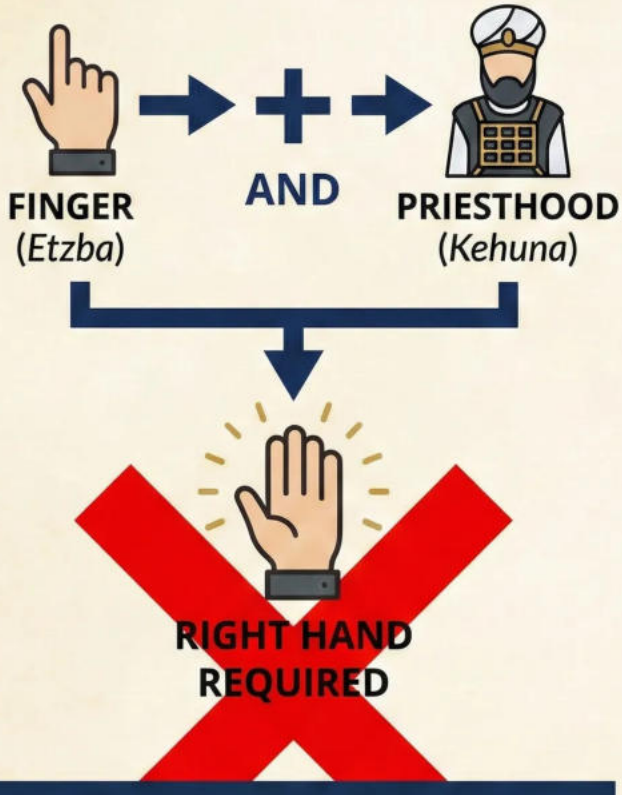
DUPLICATE FOR POOR



Repeated ONLY for the NEW detail (the offering difference).

THE "RIGHT HAND" TRIGGER: "AND" vs. "OR"

INITIAL THOUGHT:
BOTH REQUIRED ('AND')



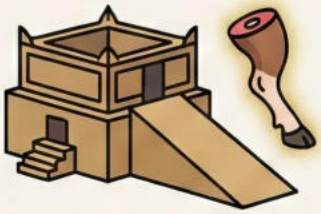
DISPROVEN BY *KEMITZA*
(Meal Offering):
Only 'Priesthood' is written, yet Right Hand is required!

RAVA'S RULING:
EITHER IS SUFFICIENT ('OR')



THE ACCEPTED RULE:
Either term alone is enough to require the Right Hand.

THE EXCEPTION: CARRYING LIMBS



Verse mentions 'Kohen', yet Mishna says: **Carry Right Leg in the LEFT Hand.**

THE GEMARA'S DISTINCTION: ESSENTIAL FOR ATONEMENT?

NO



NON-ESSENTIAL
(e.g., Carrying Limbs)

Left Hand Permitted.

YES



ESSENTIAL
(e.g., Sprinkling Blood)

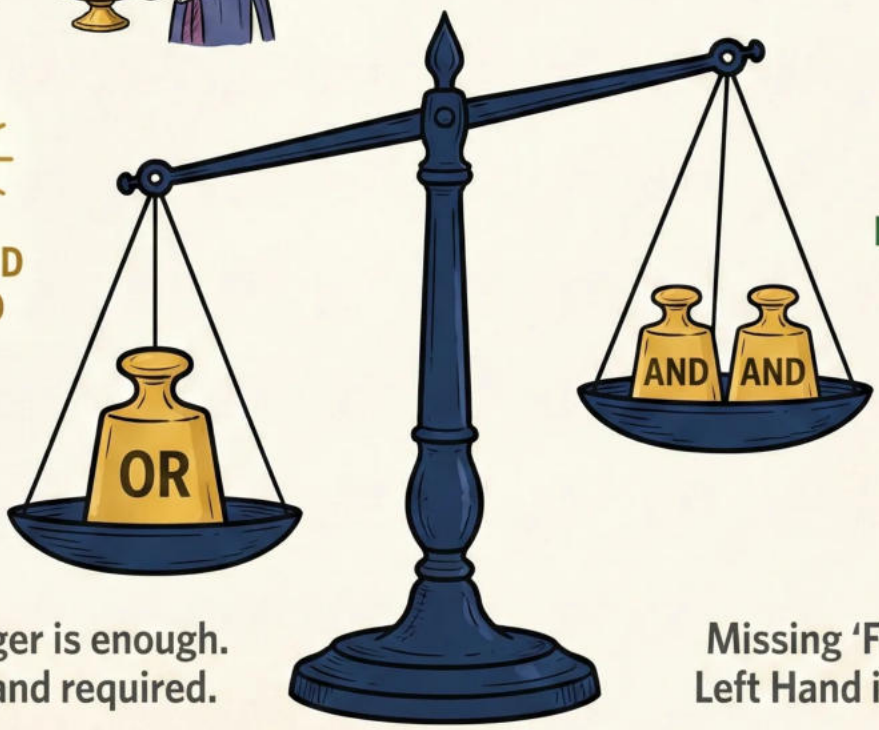
Right Hand Mandatory.

THE CHALLENGE FROM RABBI SHIMON

TEST CASE: KABBALAT HADAM (Collecting Blood)



- ☒ Essential for Atonement? YES
- ☒ 'Kehuna' (Priesthood) mentioned? YES
- ☐ 'Etzba' (Finger) mentioned? NO



RIGHT HAND REQUIRED

LEFT HAND VALID

RAVA'S OPINION ('OR')

RABBI SHIMON'S OPINION ('AND')

One trigger is enough. Right Hand required.

Missing 'Finger'. Left Hand is valid.

THE GEMARA'S ANSWER: The challenge is valid only for RABBI SHIMON, who requires BOTH terms to disqualify the Left Hand.

RABBI SHIMON'S TWO RULES

RULE 1: "FINGER" IS STRONG



FINGER
(*Etzba*)



RIGHT HAND REQUIRED

'FINGER' alone is enough.
'Priesthood' is NOT needed.

RULE 2: "PRIESTHOOD" IS WEAK



PRIESTHOOD
(*Kehuna*)

A

If **'FINGER'** is also there: **RIGHT HAND REQUIRED.**



B

If **'FINGER'** is missing: **LEFT HAND VALID.**

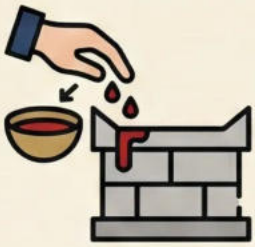


THE PURPOSE OF 'PRIESTHOOD':
To teach the service must be done in **FULL VESTMENTS** (***Bigdei Kehuna***).



THE CONTRADICTION: MISHNAH vs. BARAITA

THE CHALLENGE FROM THE MISHNAH



SPRINKLING BLOOD (*Zerika*)

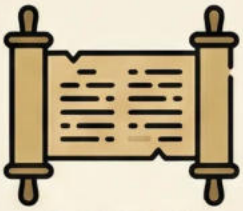
- ☒ "Kehuna" (Priesthood) mentioned? **YES**
- ☐ "Etzba" (Finger) mentioned? **NO**



MISHNAH RULING:
Left Hand = **INVALID**

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Does Rabbi Shimon agree?
(Implies 'Kehuna' is enough)

THE RESOLUTION FROM THE BARAITA



BARAITA



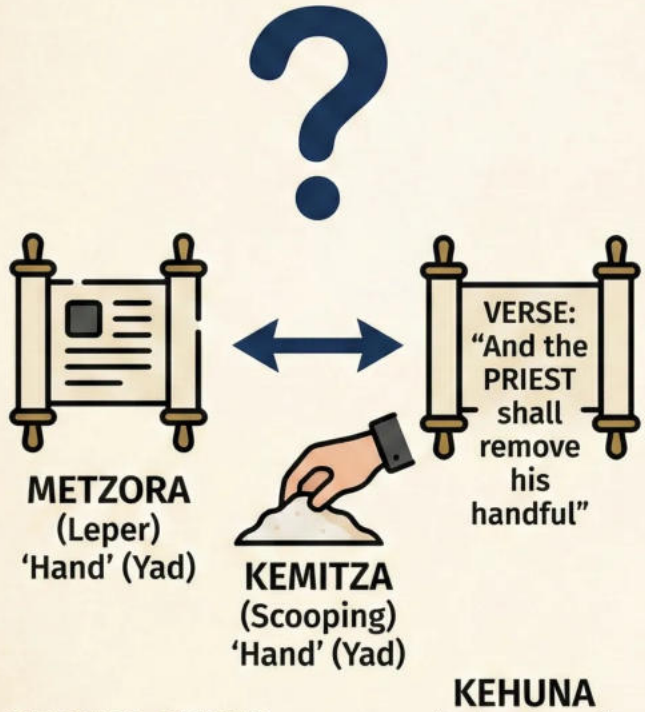
RABBI SHIMON'S OPINION:
Left Hand = **VALID**

- ✓ **COLLECTING BLOOD:**
  Left Hand = **VALID**
- ✓ **SPRINKLING BLOOD:**
  Left Hand = **VALID**

RABBI SHIMON'S CONSISTENT VIEW:
'Kehuna' **alone is NOT enough to disqualify the Left Hand.**

THE NEED FOR TWO DERIVATIONS

THE GEMARA'S QUESTION



METZORA
(Leper)
'Hand' (Yad)

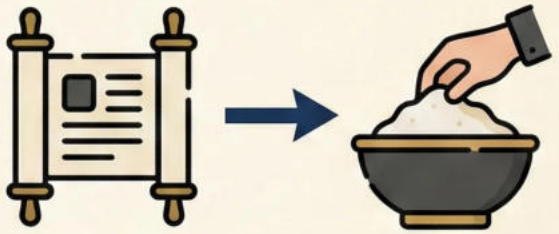
KEMITZA
(Scooping)
'Hand' (Yad)

GEZEIRA SHAVA
(Verbal Analogy)

KEHUNA
(Priesthood)
MENTION

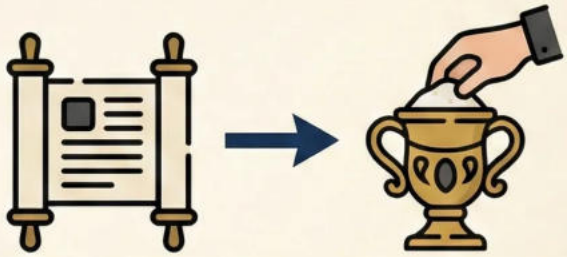
Why do we need the Gezeira Shava if 'Kehuna' already teaches it?

THE GEMARA'S ANSWER: TWO SEPARATE ACTIONS



DERIVATION 1
(e.g., Kehuna)

ACTION A: KEMITZA
(Scooping the handful)



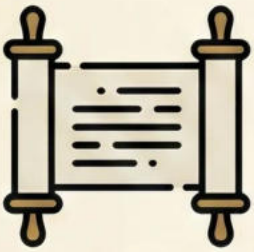
DERIVATION 2
(e.g., Gezeira Shava)

ACTION B: KIDDUSH KOMETZ
(Sanctifying in vessel)

Both actions require the Right Hand, so two sources are needed.

RABBI SHIMON: WHY THE ‘GEZEIRA SHAVA’ IS NEEDED?

INITIAL THOUGHT: THE GENERAL RULE



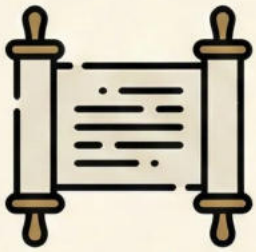
GENERAL RULE
(Kodesh Kodashim)

→ This verse already teaches **Mincha** (Right Hand) = **Sin Offering** (Right Hand).



So, why the **Gezeira Shava** (Hand-Hand)?

THE ANSWER: FOR THE SINNER’S MINCHA



GEZEIRA SHAVA
(“Hand”–“Hand”)

→ Needed for a Specific Case: **SINNER’S MINCHA**



SINNER’S MINCHA
(No Oil)

THOUGHT: It's already inferior (no oil), maybe Left Hand is okay?

RULING: The Gezeira Shava insists: Even for a sinner, the **RIGHT HAND** is required.



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