

29a

## The Menorah's structure

Gemara: Divrei haYamim II 4:21 talks about the menorah as being made **מכלות זהב** – what does that mean?<sup>1</sup>

Gemara: The making of the menorah

- על המנורה הטהורה = Its workings came from a place of טהרה – he was shown it from שמים
  - re: שלחן = Eligible for טומאה, as it was raised to demonstrate the miracle of the bread<sup>2</sup>
- ראה ועשה בתבניתם אשר אתה מראה בהר are shown to Moshe, as evidenced in מנורה, שלחן, ארון, מנורה
- Gavriel, wearing an artisan's belt, showed it to him
- HaShem had to show Moshe the menorah, the moon, and שרצים, to solve his difficulty; from זה<sup>3</sup>
  - שחיטה<sup>4</sup>

Gemara: Every **כתב** is required for mezuzah

- קוצו של יד<sup>5</sup>
- היקף גויל
- A hole in the תוך of the ה is fine; in the ירך is פסול unless שיעור י' remains<sup>6</sup>
  - Rashi: תוך is small leg, or blank parchment; ירך is right leg.
- (29b) Split leg of ה – Need שיעור י' remaining
- Split leg of ו – Need קטן to check, due to resemblance to another letter<sup>7</sup>
- Tagin
  - Moshe seeing HaShem writing tagin, because R' Akiva will explain them
    - HaShem chose R' Akiva because כך עלה במחשבה לפני<sup>8</sup>
    - R' Akiva will suffer because כך עלה במחשבה לפני<sup>9</sup>
  - שעטנז גז<sup>10</sup>
- Chet has roof lifted<sup>11</sup>
- Hei has leg suspended<sup>12</sup>
  - בטחו בד'... כי בי--ה ד' צור עולמים – HaShem will be your shelter in this world and the next
  - ה and י – HaShem created the worlds with י and ה
    - ה – This world, with an additional route for people to re-enter and correct their deeds
    - י – The next world, which has few tzaddikim<sup>13</sup>
- Rav 1: If there are too many חסרות, don't correct it; just store it away. Concern is for odd appearance.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> On the pasuk in Divrei haYamim, Rashi says “refined” and Radak says “כלי זהב”

<sup>2</sup> How did people see that the bread was hot/fresh? (Eizehu Mekoman)

<sup>3</sup> And see Taanis 31a

<sup>4</sup> What about חיות השקל and חיות (Tosafot, Shitah Mekubetzet)

<sup>5</sup> What is קוצו של יד? (Rashi, Tosafot, Mordechai)

<sup>6</sup> Is this only for tefillin? (Rashi, Maharsha, Mordechai)

<sup>7</sup> How much would be disqualified, in tefillin? (Rashbash)

<sup>8</sup> These lessons are only in My thought now; He is greater in the המחשבה עולם (Margaliyos haShas)

<sup>9</sup> The thought HaShem had in creating the world; He ascended to this with his המחשבה (Margaliyos haShas)

<sup>10</sup> Unclear how the tagin are to be formed (Tosafot)

<sup>11</sup> Unclear how it is lifted (Rashi, Tosafot)

<sup>12</sup> Gap between leg and roof (Rashi), or Roof extending past leg on right side (Tosafot)

<sup>13</sup> Tzaddikim who minimize themselves (Maharsha)

<sup>14</sup> What do we do with יתירות? (Tosafot, Nimukei Yosef)