

## Chullin 8

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Gemara: Shechitah with a hot knife is shechitah, not burning; the sides spread apart<sup>1</sup>

Gemara (tangent from fire-heated knife): Does a fire-heated object cause שחיין or מכוה?

- The question is re: צרעת – Is it a שחיין (heat<sup>2</sup>) or a מכוה (fire)?
- Proof 1 – The fire-heated knife
- Proof 2 – A blow with a poker

Gemara: Inappropriate knives #1: Knife used for korbanos of Avodah Zarah

- שחיטה – Damages the animal and reduces its value, so it's not called הנאה<sup>3</sup> unless the animal is dying
- Cutting – Improves the meat, so it's called הנאה, unless it breaks up a nice piece of meat
- What about absorption from the avodah zarah meat?
  - (8b) Answer 1: Newly dedicated for avodah zarah, used only to cut wood
  - Answer 2: The knife was been kashered with libun<sup>4</sup>

Gemara: Inappropriate knives #2: What if one used a non-Jew's knife for שחיטה?<sup>5</sup>

- Rav – Peel the meat; Rabbah bar bar Chanah – Rinse the meat
  - Version 1 – All agree it's hot, but Rabbah bar bar Chanah says no absorption will occur
  - Version 2 – All agree it's cold, but Rav says pressure causes absorption<sup>6</sup>

Gemara: Inappropriate knives #3: Kashering a knife that had been used to שחט a tereifah

- Debate whether kasher knife with hagalah, or cold water or wiping suffices, based on heat of neck
- If the neck is considered hot, what about אבר מן החי regarding a normal shechitah?

Gemara (tangent from discussion of the concern for knives and absorption): Butcher's kelim

- Rav Yehudah/Rav 1 (of 5): Need separate knives for שחיטה, meat and chelev
- Rav Yehudah/Rav 2 (of 5): Need separate troughs for rinsing meat and fat
  - We also worry about fat melting when meat with fat is placed atop other meat.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R' Zeira knew the experience of shechitah from Megilah 7b (Purim Torah from the Haflaah)

<sup>2</sup> Hot Springs are listed here is heat-related rather than fire-related, although R' Yosi says the fire of Gehennom heats them (Tosafot)

<sup>3</sup> Although this is called הנאה for the laws of Shabbos (Tosafot)

<sup>4</sup> Stabbing in the earth suffices for cold cutting; Wiping suffices if it was used for a טריפה once; הגעלה suffices for knives which absorbed permitted materials, or for cutting-only knives. (Tosafot)

<sup>5</sup> And you know it was used by the non-Jew within the past 24 hours (Tosafot)

<sup>6</sup> Tosafot offers a limud zchus for those who are lenient regarding knives used for גיקור חלב.

<sup>7</sup> This is only an issue when it's hot (Tosafot)