

Chullin 11

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11a
Gemara (tangent from **חזקה**): How do we know the authority of **רוב**, where the majority of the Set isn't present?¹

Case	The Majority on which we rely	How do I know we rely on the majority	Objection
Head of an olah	Have intact brain membranes ²	ונתח אותה לנתחיה, don't break it into sub-parts ³	We could make a crack
Head of a korban pesach	Have intact brain membranes	ועצם לא תשברו בו, don't break the skull	We could melt it ⁴
Spine of a shelamim/chatas	Have intact spines	חלבו האליה תמימה, keep the tail-fat intact	We could split it
Eglah Arufah	Is not a tereifah	הערופה – keep it intact	
Parah Adumah	Is not a tereifah ⁵	ושחט-ושרף – keep it intact ⁶	
(11b) Scapegoat	Is not a tereifah	It breaks up uncheckably when it descends	
Striking a father	Fathers = Biological father	We execute the son	7
Murder victim	Is not a tereifah	We execute the murderer	8
Victim of zomimin	Is not a tereifah	We execute the zomimin	
Shechitah	Don't have holes on the site of shechitah	We eat meat	

Gemara: What will R' Meir, who is concerned for minority cases, do for kosher meat?

- R' Meir relies on majority where he must
- All of these cases are "musts".
 - Rashi: Perhaps we only rely on majority because of הלכה למשה מסיני or אחרי רבים להטות.⁹

¹ We ask this according to view that רוב doesn't trump חזקה, or that רוב trumps out of גז"כ rather than logic (Tosafot)

² The animals are like the people of the generation (R' Shemuel Shinover)

³ Don't break yourself down too much (Yismach Yisrael)

⁴ Even on Shabbos (Tosafot)

⁵ Doesn't it have a chazakah, because it lived to be two years old?

⁶ X-Rays? (Fifth Gerrer Rebbe's connection to Targum Yonasan Bamidbar 19:3 and midrash cited in Tosafot Shabbos 22b)

⁷ We could suggest that the mother has a חזקה as a righteous woman (Tosafot)

⁸ Why don't we worry that the murderer himself was a טריפה? (Tosafot)

⁹ This is why we only check for טריפות where there is a ריעותא, even if we are able to check (Rashi)