

## Chullin 18

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18a

Gemara: Continuation of Knife-Checking discussion

- What happens if one does not bring his knife to the expert for checking?<sup>1</sup>
  - Rav Huna – Cherem, if the knife is then checked and found to be fine
  - Rava – Remove him, and announce that his meat<sup>2</sup> is treif, if the knife is found to be no good
  - Raveina – Ruin his meat so that even non-Jews won't buy it
- The story of the shocheit and his children

Gemara: Flawed knife materials

- Tooth in a severed jaw or severed nail may be used
- Mishnah's disqualification is in a different case – Multiple teeth, Attached nail

Mishnah: Shechitah with a sickle, with the flow of the teeth – Machlokes. If smoothed, kosher.

Gemara: Permission of Beit Hillel regarding a sickle

- The meat is tahor, but not mutar for eating
- Can we prove this from language of פוסל-מכשיר<sup>3</sup> instead of מאוסר-מתיר?

Mishnah: Defining הגרמה on the קנה (trachea) [See picture on reverse, from human neck]

- Tanna Kama – Need to be entirely below the uppermost cartilage ring, the cricoid cartilage
- R' Yosi b'R' Yehudah – Only need to cut the majority before veering

Gemara: Understanding the view of R' Yosi b'R' Yehudah

- Rav/Shemuel – Majority works, but only regarding the large (uppermost) ring<sup>4</sup>
- (18b) But I have a braisa in which R' Yosi b'R' Yehudah says other rings are kosher!<sup>5</sup>
  - In that braisa, R' Chanina ben Antigonus says kosher even if entirely above the rings<sup>6</sup>
- Answer: Rav/Shemuel accepted R' Yosi b'R' Yehudah regarding the top ring, not the other rings

Gemara: Mugremet - cutting above the top ring, within thyroid cartilage

- R' Zeira ate the מוגרמת which Rav/Shemuel didn't accept, when he made aliyah
  - Although he had lived in Rav/Shemuel territory beforehand; it wasn't really Rav/Shemuel's ruling
  - But didn't R' Zeira believe you follow chumros of both locations?
    - #1 – Not when going from Bavel to Israel, because Israel is dominant<sup>7</sup>
    - #2 – He didn't intend to return home
  - Abbaye noted that some in Bavel did, in fact, permit it
- Reish Lakish accepted cutting in upper thyroid cartilage; R' Yochanan said he was too permissive

<sup>1</sup> What about the practice of appointing official checkers? (Kesef Mishneh Hilchot Shechitah 1:26)

<sup>2</sup> Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Shechitah 1:26 – Meat he already shechted

<sup>3</sup> Yes, "kosher" might not mean "kosher" here (Tosafot)

<sup>4</sup> Rashi – Between rings, or within most of the uppermost (cricoid) ring. Tosafot – Shecht within other rings, or majority of uppermost

<sup>5</sup> Rashi – Kosher for shechitah; Tosafot – Kosher even if only cut the majority within the ring

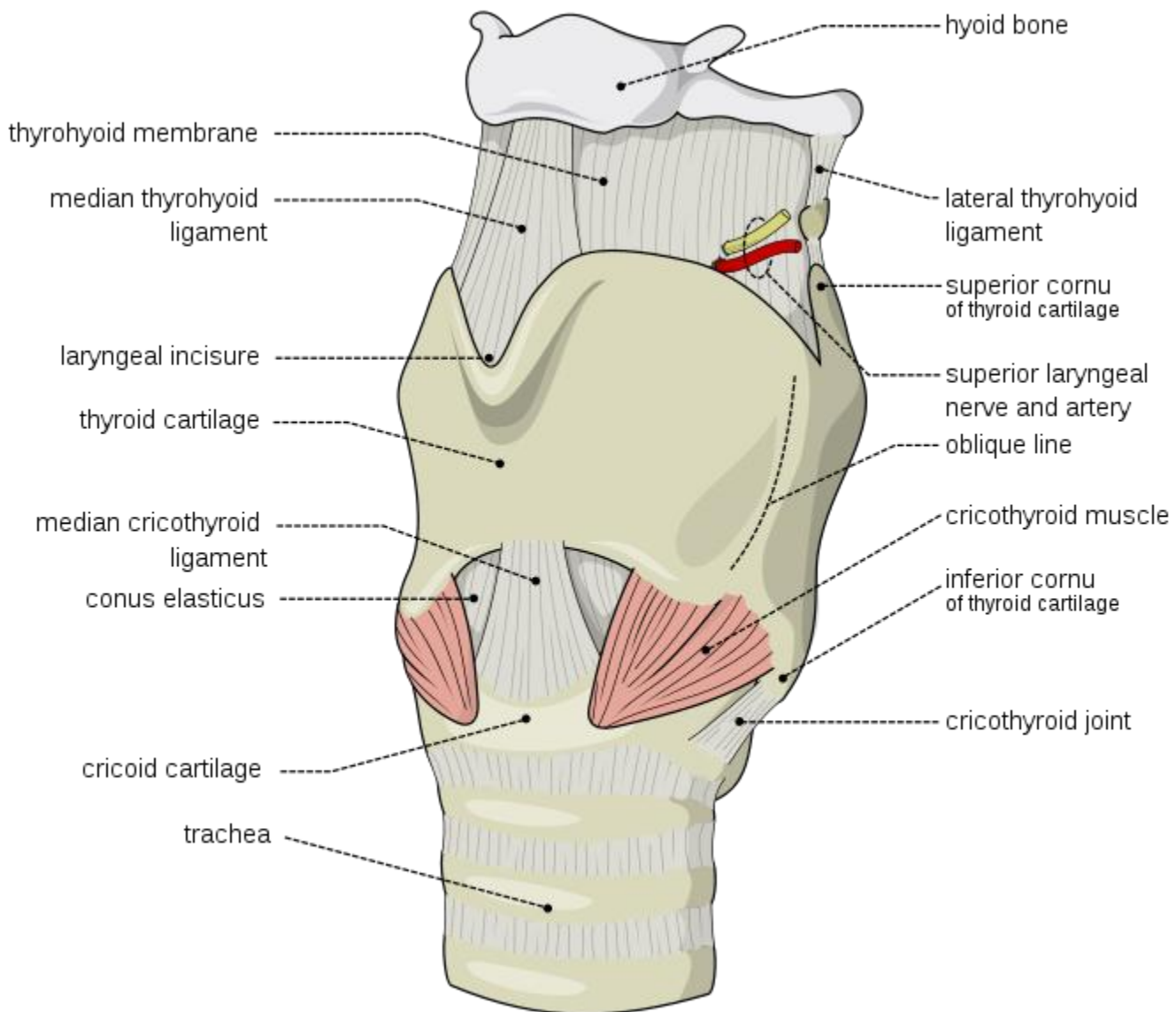
<sup>6</sup> So long as he is not above the כובע (thyroid cartilage), and we will rule this way on 19a (Rashi)

<sup>7</sup> For what? (Rashi, Tosafot)

Gemara: Cutting the vocal cords (which are just below the **כובע**-thyroid cartilage)

- Rav Papi, citing Rava: If touch vocal cords, it's a tereifah<sup>8</sup>
  - What is this case?
    - He damaged it, like ויפגע בו וימת in Benayahu executing Adoniyahu?
    - He came close,<sup>9</sup> like מלאכי אלקים?
- Rav Pappa, citing Rava: Even damaging it is fine, so long as something remains<sup>10</sup>
- Mar bar Rav Ashi: If touch, kosher. If damage it's tereifah, even if leave some
- (19a) Halachah: We follow Reish Lakish to accept cutting in upper thyroid cartilage, and we follow Rav Pappa that need some part of the vocal cords to remain
  - Rav Nachman supported this

### HUMAN NECK



<sup>8</sup> Not literally (Temunei Chol)

<sup>9</sup> Rashi - Cutting below it; Tosafot – Cutting above it

<sup>10</sup> Is this answering the previous question, or is it a new statement? (Rashi, Tosafot)