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Rabbi Akiva suggests a kal vachomer to posit that animal milk and human milk are equivalent with regard to causing susceptibility to tumah.

The Chachamim maintained that milk of a woman will cause susceptibility to tumah whether she or the infant desire the milk or not, whereas animal's milk only causes susceptibility to tumah if one desires the milk, i.e. if he milked the animal to use its milk. If one does not desire the milk from the animal, however, then that milk is not a liquid and will not cause susceptibility to tumah. Rabbi Akiva presents a kal vachomer as follows: If the woman's milk is unique for children will cause susceptibility to tumah whether the person desired the milk or not, certainly animal's milk which is for young and old should cause susceptibility to tumah whether the person desired the milk or not. (143b)

The blood of a woman's wound causes susceptibility to tumah whereas the blood of an animal's wound does not cause susceptibility to tumah.

The Chachamim countered to the kal vachomer of rabbi Akiva that the reason the torah states that a woman's milk causes

susceptibility to tumah even if one did not desire the milk is because the blood of a woman's wound causes susceptibility to tumah, and even though the woman does not desire the blood, it still has the status of a liquid. The milk of an animal will not cause susceptibility to tumah if one did not desire the milk, because an animal's blood is not considered a liquid. The Chachamim base their reasoning on the premise that a woman's milk is really blood, whereas an animal's blood is not a liquid at all. (143b-144a)

Rabbi Akiva maintains that milking an animal for medicinal purposes cause susceptibility to tumah whereas letting the blood of animal for medicinal purposes does not cause susceptibility to tumah.

Rabbi Akiva responded to the Chachamim by stating that he is more stringent with regard to milk causing susceptibility to tumah than blood because if a person milks an animal for medical purposes, he desires the milk and therefore the milk causes susceptibility to tumah, whereas if one lets the blood of an animal for medicinal purposes, the blood will not cause susceptibility to tumah. From this

distinction it is evident that an animal's milk has a stringency that its blood does not have. This is why rabbi Akiva maintains that an animal's milk will cause susceptibility to tumah even if the person does not desire the milk. (144a)

The words "for his satisfaction" mean that the person had no intent for the fruit, and the words "not to his satisfaction" mean that he has not expressed his intentions.

The Chachamim countered back to rabbi Akiva that we would learn from liquid that oozes out from olives or grapes that there is a distinction between liquid that one desires and liquid that is emitted unintentionally. With regard to liquids that ooze from the baskets of olives or grapes and one desires the liquid, they will cause susceptibility to tumah. Of one does not desire the liquid that comes out, they are not considered liquids and they will not cause susceptibility to tumah. The Gemara assumes that the words "for his satisfaction" mean that the person desires the liquid coming out of the fruit, and the words "not to his satisfaction" mean that he has not expressed his intention, i.e. he is not desirous of the liquid that came out of the fruit. (144a)

Liquid that oozes from olives or grapes that are placed in baskets will seep through the basket and the owner of the fruits renounces ownership of the juice from the outset.

The Gemara concludes that what the Mishnah meant by the words "for his

satisfaction" was that he expressed no intention regarding the juice. The words "not to his satisfaction" mean that he stated explicitly that he does not desire the juice. Alternatively, the Gemara states that the Mishnah that refers to olives or grapes in baskets is discussing a case where the person does not desire the juice, because the juice will seep through the basket. The owner of the fruit therefore renounces ownership from the juice, so even if he does not explicitly declare that he does not desire the juice, it is assumed that he does not want the juice. (144a)

One can squeeze plums, quinces, or sorb-apples on Shabbos with the intention of drinking their juice but one cannot squeeze pomegranates on Shabbos with the intention of drinking their juice.

We learned previously that rabbi Yehudah aggress with the Chachamim regarding liquids that ooze from olives or grapes that even if the fruits were stored for eating, their juices are prohibited on Shabbos. The Chachamim agree with rabbi Yehudah regarding liquid that oozes from other fruits. The source for the Chachamim agreeing with rabbi Yehudah regarding other fruits is from a Baraisa that states that plums, quinces, or sorb-apples can be squeezed on Shabbos for their juice, because these fruits are not normally used for squeezing, whereas one cannot squeeze pomegranates on Shabbos as they are usually used for squeezing. The household of Menashya bar Menachem squeezed pomegranates during the week, so

everyone else is forbidden to squeeze them on Shabbos. Whether the Chachamim or rabbi Yehudah authors this Baraisa, it is clear that one can squeeze other fruits on Shabbos besides for pomegranates. (144a-144b)

One person or place that practices a certain custom can set the standard for everyone else regarding that practice.

We learned that the household of Menashya bar Menachem would squeeze pomegranates during the week, and therefore the Halacha is that one cannot squeeze pomegranates on Shabbos. Although Menashya bar Menachem was one individual, we still base the Halacha on his practice. We learned in a Mishnah that if one maintains thorns in a vineyard, rabbi Eliezer holds that one cannot benefit from the grapevines, because one is forbidden to plant even thorns in a vineyard. The Chachamim disagree and they maintain that the vineyard is not forbidden unless one plants with a specie that he would plant in his field, and people do not plant thorns. Rabbi Eliezer's rationale is that in Arabia people plant thorns for camel food. We derive from this that if even one group of people practices a certain custom, that practice sets the standard for the rest of the world. Similarly, the household of Menashya bar Menachem squeezing pomegranates during the week set the standard for everyone else, and one cannot squeeze pomegranates on Shabbos. (144b)

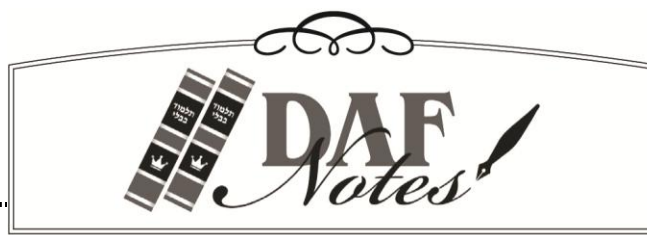
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pasul because of the change in appearance in the Mikvah.

One who squeezes beets and places the juice in a Mikvah has rendered the Mikvah invalid, because the beet juice changes the appearance of the water. A Mikvah is required to contain only water, and the Mikvah must appear like water and not any other color. Even the minutest amount of other color renders the Mikvah invalid. (144b)

One who squeezes fruit for their juice demonstrates significance for the drink.

Although one normally does not squeeze beets for their juice, and their juice is not considered a liquid, since one person squeezed the beets for their juice, he has rendered the beet juice significant, and now it is considered a liquid. With regard to squeezing fruit on Shabbos, when one squeezes the fruit, he renders them significant, and one is liable for squeezing the fruit on shabbos. Even with regard to squeezing plums, quinces, and sorb-apples, one cannot squeeze them for their juices, because this would be forbidden. One would only be permitted to squeeze these fruits in order to sweeten them, whereas one cannot squeeze pomegranates even to sweeten them. The Chachamim were concerned that if one were permitted to squeeze pomegranates for the purpose of sweetening them, he would come to squeeze them for their juice also. This concern was based on the practice of Menashya bar Menachem's household to squeeze pomegranates during the week. (144b)



There is a dispute as to whether olive-water is considered a liquid or not.

The Mishnah states that if wine or vinegar or olive-water fell into the Mikvah, thus changing the Mikvah's appearance, the Mikvah is rendered invalid. This is in accordance with the opinion of Rabbi Yaakov who maintains that olive-water is akin to a liquid, and is susceptible to tumah. The olive-water that is emitted at the beginning of the olive press is not susceptible to tumah because the person does not desire such olive-water, and it is not considered a liquid. Rabbi Shimon, however, maintains that olive-water is not like a liquid, and therefore will not be susceptible to tumah. The reason that the olive-water that oozes from the olive press is susceptible to tumah is because there is also some real oil mixed in with the olive-water, and oil is a liquid that is susceptible to tumah. (144b)

INSIGHTS TO THE DAF

Squeezing Fruit

We know that one is forbidden to squeeze certain fruits on shabbos because of the prohibition of *dash*, threshing. According to the conclusion of the Gemara, it emerges that there are various stages regarding the prohibition of squeezing fruits. Concerning olives and grapes, since their juices are true liquids and these fruits are designated for their juices, one is biblically forbidden to squeeze olives or grapes on Shabbos. Most Rishonim maintain that one would be allowed to squeeze an olive or a grape

into food, but the Mishnah Berurah quotes the Rosh who forbids this, and one who is stringent in this matter will be blessed. With regard to mulberries and pomegranates that are sometimes squeezed, they are only Rabinically forbidden to be squeezed. One can, however, squeeze a mulberry or pomegranates into food, and the Chaye Adam is of the opinion that one does not even have to be stringent in this matter. There are opinions that disagree with the Chaye Adam in this matter. Fruits that are not usually squeezed can be squeezed on Shabbos. There is a controversy concerning using a lemon. From the words of the Bais Yosef it appears that in the time of the Rosh people did not squeeze lemons, so the Rosh permitted one to squeeze lemons in Shabbos. Over time the custom changed and people, were squeezing lemons. The Chaye Adam and the Mishnah Berurah rule that one is forbidden to squeeze a lemon into a plate. One can, however, squeeze a lemon into food. The Biur Halacha writes that even according to the opinions of the Rosh and Rabbeinu Chananel that one who is stringent with regard to squeezing fruits into food will be blessed, one can nonetheless be lenient and squeeze a lemon into food. One must bear in mind the words of the Biur Halacha that the permit is only to squeeze into food, but one is forbidden to squeeze into a liquid. One would not be able to squeeze a lemon into tea on Shabbos.