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Bamos

The master had stated in the *braisa*: Rabbi Shimon says: Even the public only brought (on a bamah) *pesach* offerings and sacrifices that must be brought at a specific time.

The Gemora cites the reasoning for this: It is written: And the Children of Israel made the pesach offering in Gilgal. Is this not obvious!? It must be that the verse is teaching us that only obligatory sacrifices, similar to the pesach offering, were offered on a major bamah; but if they are not similar to a pesach offering (for they are not offered at a fixed time), they cannot be offered. And the opinion who disagrees holds that this verse is needed for that which Rabbi Yochanan said in the name of Rabbi Benaah: An uncircumcised man is eligible to receive sprinkling (from the water of purification if he was tamei from corpse tumah; he is, thereby, enabled to eat terumah immediately after the circumcision, no other sprinkling being required).

There was a teacher of *braisos* who taught the following *braisa* to Rav Adda bar Ahavah: There is no difference between a major *bamah* and a small one, except *pesach* sacrifices and offerings that have a set time. He told him: You must explain your teaching to be referring to an obligatory *olah* offering (*that may be offered on a major bamah*), as there is also a voluntary *olah* offering

(which can be offered on a minor bamah). For if you would be referring to chatas offerings, is there then a voluntary chatas offering (which can be offered on a minor bamah)!?

The *Gemora* asks: Perhaps it was referring to an obligatory *minchah* offering, since there were *chavitin* (the daily minchah offering of the Kohen Gadol - that may be offered on a major bamah)?

The *Gemora* answers: He holds that there were no *minchah* offerings at a *bamah*. (118a)

Shiloh

The *Mishna* had stated: When they came to Shiloh (*there was no roof there, but only a house of stones below and curtains above*).

Rabbi Chiya bar Abba in the name of Rabbi Yochanan cites the source for this: One verse says: And she brought him to the house of Hashem in Shiloh; whereas another verse says: And He abandoned the Tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which He had dwelled among men; and it also says: And He rejected the tent of Yosef, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim. How are these reconciled? [Was it a house or a tent?] It had no roof, but stones below and curtains above, and that



constituted the "resting place" (*mentioned in the Torah*).

The Mishna had stated: Kodshei kodashim (were eaten within the curtains of the Tabernacle, and kodashim kalim and ma'aser sheni were eaten anywhere within sight of Shiloh).

Rabbi Oshaya cites the source for this: It is written: Beware for yourself lest you offer your olos in any place that you see. We may infer from here that you may not offer in any place that you see, but you may eat in any place that you see.

The *Gemora* asks: Perhaps we should infer as follows: In any place that you see you may not offer, but you may slaughter in any place that you see?

Rabbi Yannai said: It is written: There shall you offer . . . and there shall you do. [Evidently, slaughtering must be done in the Courtyard!]

Rabbi Avdimi bar Chassa said: It is written: And to him there was Taanas Shiloh. This was a place which made whoever saw it (after the Mishkan's destruction) to sigh for the sacrifices which he ate there.

Rabbi Avahu said: The Torah says: *Yosef is a fruitful son, a fruitful son through the eye.* Let the eye which would not feed upon and enjoy that which did not belong to it (*Potifar's wife*), merit to eat from sacrifices as far as it can see.

Rabbi Yosi the son of Rabbi Chanina said: *And the desire of him that dwells in hatred*. Let the eye that did not desire to enjoy that which did not belong to it, merit to

eat from sacrifices among those that hated it (*the tribes adjacent to Yosef's portion*).

It was taught in a *braisa*: When they said that one may eat as far as the eye could see, they meant from wherever one could see Shiloh without anything interposing.

Rabbi Shimon ben Elyakim said an example to Rabbi Elozar: The synagogue of Maon (*is a place where there is no obstruction between it and Shiloh*).

Rav Pappa said: When they said that one must see Shiloh, they did not mean that one must see the entire Shiloh, but that one must see part of it.

Rav Pappa inquired: What if one could see it while standing, but not when sitting? Rabbi Yirmiyah inquired: What if one stood on the edge of the ravine one could see it, but when he sat in the ravine he could not see it? The *Gemora* leaves these questions unresolved. (118a – 118b)

Binyamin's Portion

When Rav Dimi came he said in the name of Rebbe: The Divine Presence rested on Israel in three places: in Shiloh, in Nov and Giveon, and in the Eternal House. And in all of these places, it rested only in the portion of Binyamin, for it is written: *He hovers over him all day*. All hoverings will be nowhere else but in Binyamin's portion.

Abaye went and told this over to Rav Yosef. Rav Yosef said to him: Kaylil (*Abaye's father*) had only one son, and he is not like he should be (*for he is lacking in his*

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learning). Surely it is written: And He abandoned the Tabernacle of Shiloh; and (several verses later) it is written: And He rejected the tent of Yosef, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim!? [Evidently, Shiloh was located in Ephraim's portion, not Binyamin's!?]

Rav Adda answered: What is his difficulty? Perhaps the Divine Presence was in Binyamin's portion, while the Great Sanhedrin was in Yosef's portion! This is found by the Eternal House, where the Divine Presence was in Binyamin's portion, whereas the Great Sanhedrin was in Yehudah's portion!

The *Gemora* asks on the comparison: There the portions of Yehudah and Binyamin were next to each other; but here, were they contiguous (*the portion of Binyamin and Shiloh*)?

The Gemora answers: They were indeed contiguous, as Rabbi Chama the son of Rabbi Chanina said: [The Temple Mount, the Chambers, and the Courtyards of the Bais HaMikdash were located in the portion of the tribe of Yehudah. The Ulam, the Heichal, and the Chamber of the Holy of Holies were located in the portion of the tribe of Binyamin.] A strip of land extended from the portion of Yehudah and entered into the portion of Binyamin, and the altar was built on that portion. Binyamin the Righteous foresaw the intrusion of Yehudah into his territory and this caused him great distress, and Binyamin desired to absorb that strip into his territory. So too here (in Shiloh), a strip of land extended from the portion of Yosef and entered into the portion of Binyamin, and that is the meaning of Taanas Shiloh (for Binyamin was distressed that he lost having the Sanhedrin reside in his portion).

The Gemora notes: This (if the Tabernacle in Shiloh resided in Yosef's portion or Binyamin's) is actually a dispute amongst Tannaim, for it was taught in a braisa: [The verse regarding Binyamin] He hovers over him - this alludes to the first Temple; all day – this alludes to the second Temple (but not the Mishkan); and He dwells between his shoulders – this refers to the days of the Messiah. Rebbe said: He hovers over him - this alludes to this world (including Mishkan Shiloh); all day – this alludes to the days of the Messiah; and He dwells between his shoulders – this refers to the World to Come. (118b)

Duration of Time

The *Gemora* cites a *braisa*: The duration of the Tent of Meeting in the Wilderness was forty years less one. The duration of the Tent of Meeting in Gilgal was fourteen years; the seven years of conquering the Land and the seven of dividing it up. The duration of the Tent of Meeting at Nov and Giveon totaled fifty-seven years. There remained for Shiloh - three hundred and seventy less one.

The *Gemora* cites the sources for these facts: The duration of the Tent of Meeting in the Wilderness was forty years less one is derived from that which a master said: In the first year (*since the exodus from Egypt*) Moshe made the Tabernacle; in the second the Tabernacle was set up, and Moshe sent out the spies (*in this year as well*).

The duration of the Tent of Meeting in Gilgal was fourteen years; the seven years of conquering the Land and the seven of dividing it up. This is derived from that which Calev said: *Forty years old was I when Moshe the*



servant of Hashem sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the Land; and I brought him back word as it was in my heart; and it is written: and now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. How old was he when he crossed the Jordan? Seventy eight years old, and he said (at the time they began to divide the Land), I am this day eighty-five years old. Evidently, there were seven years for the conquering. And how do we know that there were seven years of division? You can say, since the conquering took seven years, the dividing too took seven years as well. Alternatively, because otherwise, there would be no explanation for the verse: In the fourteenth year after that the city had fallen.

The *Gemora* cites the Scriptural sources proving that the Tent of Meeting at Nov and Giveon totaled fifty-seven years. (118b – 119a)

INSIGHTS TO THE DAF

Gemora Kup

The Brisker Rav used our *Gemora* and Rashi as an example which demonstrates the distinction between the small-mindedness" of human intellect and that of the "*seichel haTorah*." Our *Gemora* states that the Ohel Moed resided in Gilgal for fourteen years. How is this known? Since it required seven years for the Jewish people to conquer *Eretz Yisroel*, so too it took seven years to divide up the Land. Rashi writes that this is a logical analogy (*sevara b'alma*). Now, would any person - even the most exceptionally bright mind, be able to comprehend that this is a simple logic: if seven years were needed to conquer the land, seven years were required to divide it up?! The Chazon ish comments on our *Gemora*: To understand such a logic requires a great

teacher! What is the connection between conquering and dividing?!

DAILY MASHAL

Daughters Walked on a Wall

Chazal interpreted from a verse that in the era of the Sanctuary of Shilo, which was in Yosef's portion, people ate *kodoshim* wherever they could **see** the Sanctuary but in the Temple *kodshim* were eaten only within the city walls. The *Chidushei HaRim* zt"l said that that is the explanation of the verse about Yosef "a favored son to the eye" (Bereishis 49:32). By Yosef the sanctity spread to where the eye could see. But "daughters walked on a wall" – by the other tribes the sanctity only reached the wall.