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Kohanim get the Remainder

The *Gemora* said that the source, according to Rabbi Shimon, that even the remainder of a barley *minchah* is eaten by *Kohanim* is the verse which states that any *minchah*, with or without oil, is given to the *Kohanim*.

The *Gemora* challenges this from a *braisa* which learns other rules from this same verse. The *braisa* learns that sacrifices are not divided between *Kohanim*. There are two verses listing *minchah* offerings, which conclude with the statement that "they should be to the *Kohanim*," teaching that all *Kohanim* have a share in each one, and we cannot give one *Kohen* part of one in exchange for part of another one.

The braisa learns the following from each part of the verses:

Verse	Splitting which	Why we may have
	for which?	thought it is split
V'chol	Minchah/animal	
haminchah	sacrifices	
asher tai'afeh		
batanur – and		
all minchah		
offerings that		
are baked in an		
oven		
V'chol na'asa	<i>Minchah</i> /bird	A minchah
vamarcheshes –	offerings	substitutes directly
and all minchah		for a bird when one
offerings made		is too poor for a
in a deep pan		bird

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V'al machavas –	Birds/animals	Both have blood
and [a minchah		offered on the altar
offering made		
on] a shallow		
pan		
V'chol minchah	minchah	Both are performed
belula	offerings	the same way
bashemen – and		(while birds are
all minchah		killed by finger, and
offerings mixed		animals are killed
with oil		by knife, which is a
		vessel)
Vachareva –	Minchah	Both are offered
and a dry	offerings of the	and performed
[minchah	same type (e.g.,	identically
offering]	deep pan)	

The *braisa* concludes by saying that the second verse is followed by the section about the *todah* and *shelamim*, which are *kodashim kalim* – *less severe sacrifices*. This teaches that even these sacrifices cannot be divided one against the other. The *braisa* concludes by saying that the word *ish* – *man*, used to describe who receives the sacrifices, teaches that any adult *Kohen*, even with a blemish, receives a portion. The second verse in this *braisa* is the verse cited earlier as a source for Rabbi Shimon.

The *Gemora* answers that the *braisa* is learning from the extra words kol - all, while from the listing of the two types of *minchah* offerings themselves is the source cited earlier.

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The *Gemora* then challenges that we've already used the word *kol* as the source for Rabbi Yosi the son of Rabbi Yehudah, who says that a *minchah* must be uniform – either all crackers or all loaves.

The *Gemora* answers that this is learned from the extra "v' - and", since the verse could have just said "all", instead of "**and** all."

Ravina says that the source that the remainder of all *minchah* offerings, even of barley, is given to the *Kohanim* is a *braisa* of Levi. Levi explains the verse that lists all the gifts given to the *Kohanim*, as follows:

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Verse	Gift	Why it's
		needed?
Kol karbanam –	The oil of a	The verse says
all their	metzora	the <i>Kohanim</i>
sacrifices		get min ha'aish
		<i>– from the fire,</i>
		but the oil is not
		offered on the
		fire
L'chol	Omer and sotah	The verse says
minchahsam –	<i>minchah</i> (from	<i>Kohanim</i> eat
to all of their	barley)	from an offering
minchah		that atones on
offerings		others, while
		these don't
		atone, since the
		omer permits
		new grain, and
		the <i>sotah</i>
		clarifies a wife's
		status

L'chol chatasam	Bird chatas	lt isn't	
– to all of their		slaughtered	
chatas offerings		normally, but	
		killed by the	
		<i>Kohen</i> 's nail,	
		which would	
		ordinarily be a	
		prohibited	
		neveilah —	
		carcass	
L'chol ashamam	The <i>asham</i> of a	lt doesn't	
– to all their	<i>nazir,</i> just like	atone, but	
guilt offerings	the <i>asham</i> of	rather to enable	
	metzora	the <i>nazir</i> to	
		shave and	
		become impure	
Asher yashivu –	Money paid in		
that they return	return for		
	stealing from a		
	convert		

The concluding phrase of the verse, *lecha hee ul'vanecha – it will be for you and your sons*, teaches that these gifts are true property of the *Kohanim*, and they can even use them to marry a woman. (72b - 73a)

A Non-Jew's Sacrifice

Rav Huna says that a *shelamim* offering donated by a non-Jew is offered as an *olah – burnt offering*.

The Gemora offers both a logical or textual reason:

- A non-Jew donating a sacrifice is doing it for pure reasons, and therefore we can presume he wants to offer as much as possible to the altar.
- The verse which teaches that a non-Jew can offer a sacrifice refers to one who offers a sacrifice to Hashem *l'olah – for an olah*. This concluding phrase teaches that whatever a non-Jew offers, it automatically becomes an *olah*.

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Rav Chama bar Guria challenges Rav Huna with a *braisa*, which states that if a non-Jew donated a *shelamim*, and then gave it to a Jew, the Jew eats it, implying that it is offered as a *shelamim*.

Rava deflects this, saying that the *braisa* is a case where the non-Jew donated the *shelamim* for the purpose of the Jew's atonement, in which case it is considered the Jew's sacrifice.

Rav Shizvi challenges Rav Huna from our *Mishna*, which lists a non-Jew's *minchah* as one whose remainders are eaten by *Kohanim*, like a standard *minchah*. This would imply that a non-Jew's *shelamim* would also be offered like a standard *shelamim*. T

he *Gemora* answers that the *Mishna* is following Rabbi Yossi Haglili, while Rav Huna is following Rabbi Akiva.

The Gemora cites the braisa in which Rabbi Yosi Hagelili says that the extra phrases in the verse include other sacrifices (besides olah) that a non-Jew can offer. The word nidraihem – their vows includes shelamim, the word nidvosam – theit donations includes todah, and the extra words l'chol – for all preceding both of these words include birds, wine, levonah spice, and wood. The end of the verse which seems to limit their sacrifices, by specifying olah, excludes sacrifices fo2. being a nazir. Rabbi Akiva says that this phrase limits a non-Jew's sacrifice to only an olah. The Gemora clarifies that this verse only teaches that a non-Jew cannot offer the sacrifices of a nazir, while the verse about a nazir, which specifies that only a Jew can become a nazir, teaches that a non-Jew cannot become a nazir at all.

The *Gemora* cites a *Mishna* in which Rabbi Shimon lists seven enactments of the Sages. One of them is that if a non-Jew sent a sacrifice from abroad, if he sent along the libations, those are used, but if he did not, the community provides them. The *Gemora* suggests that this *Mishna* follows Rabbi Yossi Hagelili, as it allows the non-Jew to offer libations, which are a form of wine sacrifice, but rejects this, as Rabbi Akiva agrees that the non-Jew who offers an *olah* can offer all that comes along with it, including libations.

The *Gemora* cites a *braisa*, and asks whose opinion it follows. The *braisa* says that the verse about libations which refers to *ezrach* – *a citizen* excludes non-Jews, but the verse which refers to the libations as *kachah* – *like this* mandates that *all* sacrifices be brought with libations. Therefore, a non-Jew cannot offer a libation on its own, but must include a libation on any sacrifice he offers.

The *Gemora* says that this *braisa* doesn't seem consistent with either opinion. The *braisa's* statement that a non-Jew may not offer a libation on its own is inconsistent with Rabbi Yosi Hagelili, who says that a non-Jew may offer a wine sacrifice, while the *braisa's* statement that a non-Jew offers libations with his sacrifice is inconsistent with Rabbi Akiva, who says that a non-Jew may only offer an *olah*. The *Gemora* says that it may follow Rabbi Yosi Hagelili or Rabbi Akiva: Rabbi Yosi Hagelili - we can amend the original *braisa*, to remove wine from the list of sacrifices that a non-Jew may offer, as even Rabbi Yosi Hagelili agrees that he may not offer a libation on its own.

Rabbi Akiva – when Rabbi Akiva says he may bring an *olah*, this includes everything that comes along with it, including libations. (73a - 73b)

A Kohen's Sin Minchah

The *Gemora* cited the dispute between the Sages and Rabbi Shimon about the *minchah* offered by a *Kohen* for a sin. The Sages said that this *minchah* is also completely offered on the altar, like a *Kohen*'s donated *minchah*, while Rabbi Shimon said that a *komeitz* is separated, and it and the remainder are offered on the altar.



The *Gemora* cites a *braisa*, which explains the source for bot². positions. The verse about a minchah offered for a sin says, v'haysa lakohen kaminchah – and it will be for the Kohen like the minchah. The Sages say that the verse teaches that **3**. Kohen who offers a minchah for a sin can perform the service. The Sages question whether we should instead learn from the verse that this minchah is eaten like a non-Kohen's minchah, but then conclude that the verse states that this. *minchah* will be for the like *the minchah*, i.e., his voluntary minchah, which is not eaten. Rabbi Shimon notes that the verse says that this minchah will be for the Kohen like the minchah, but not like his minchah. Therefore, the verse is teaching that this minchah should be like a non-Kohen's *minchah*, i.e., that a *komeitz* is taken. Since the verse equates these two minchah offerings only lakohen – for the Kohen, it teaches that the only similarity is vis a vis the Kohen's actions (i.e., *komeitz*), but not vis a vis the altar (*i.e., what is offered*). Therefore, it teaches that a komeitz is taken, but both it and the remainder are separately offered on the altar. (73b – 74a)

INSIGHTS TO THE DAF

Division of Sacrifices

The *Gemora* cites a *braisa*, which enumerates the various ways that sacrifices may not be split between different *Kohanim*. It concludes by saying that any adult, even with a blemish, may split the sacrifices, but children may not.

Tosfos (73a Ish) questions what the *braisa* means when it concludes that the adults "split" the sacrifices, if the *braisa* began by listing the ways in which sacrifices are *not* split.

Tosfos offers the following answers:

1. The conclusion of the *braisa* is not being exact when it refers to the *Kohanim* splitting the sacrifices, and it simply means that he amicably takes a portion along with the other *Kohanim*.

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To make peace among all the *Kohanim*, the Sages instituted a more formal division of the sacrifice, but the Torah itself does not give a *Kohen* the *right* to split.

The *Kohanim* do divide the sacrifices, but the beginning of the *braisa* only means that the portion they receive is not considered their property, and therefore they cannot marry a woman by giving it to her.

The beginning of the *braisa* only teaches that *Kohanim* may not divide a portion of one sacrifice in exchange for a portion in another one, but the end of the *braisa* refers to dividing portions within one sacrifice.

Offering Wine

The *Gemora* discusses whether a non-Jew can bring a sacrifice of wine. In one *braisa*, Rabbi Yosi Hagelili lists wine among the items a non-Jew can sacrifice, but the second *braisa* says that although his animal sacrifice requires a libation, he may not offer wine. The *Gemora's* first answer is to amend the *braisa*, by removing wine.

Rashi explains that the *Gemora* means to remove wine from Rabbi Yosi Hagelili's list. The conclusion would therefore be that, even according to Rabbi Yosi Hagelili, a non-Jew can only offer wine as libation for an animal sacrifice.

The Shitah Mekubetzes (6) offers another explanation, which amends the second *braisa*. Instead of understanding the second *braisa*, which says that a non-Jew does not offer libations, to mean that he *may not* offer a sacrifice of wine alone, we can understand it to mean that he *need* not offer libation. The *braisa* is stating that his sacrifice must come with libation, but the non-Jew is not obligated to provide it. He may provide it, but otherwise the community does. This is different than a Jew, who *must* provide libations for his sacrifices. According to this explanation, the first *braisa* remains intact, and Rabbi Yosi Hagelili does allow a non-Jew to offer a sacrifice of wine.