

Nazir Daf 45

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Mishnah

[This Mishnah deals with the laws of the 'cutting hair' of taharah, and teaches for which sacrifice the nazir shaves his nazir head; Rabbi Yehudah and Rabbi Eliezer disagree regarding this.] What is the procedure for the head-shaving in taharah (the nazir's concluding ritual)? He brings three animals; a chatas, olah and a shelamim. The shelamim is slaughtered (first) and then he shaves his head. These are the words of Rabbi Yehudah. Rabbi Eliezer says: He would shave after the chatas (which, in his opinion, was brought first) because a chatas always takes precedence. If he shaves after bringing any one of the three korbanos, he has fulfilled his obligation (although he is still obligated to bring the remaining korbanos).

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Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel says: If he brought three animals, but he did not specify (which animal should be brought for which *korban*), the one fit for the *chatas* (*a ewelamb*) should be brought as the *chatas*, the one fit for the *olah* (*a he-lamb*) should be brought as the *olah* and the one fit for the *shelamim* (*ram*) should be brought as the *shelamim*. (45a2)

Place of Shaving

The Gemora cites a Baraisa: It is written: The nazir shall shave his head at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting (Ohel Moed). This is referring to the shelamim sacrifice (he should shave after the shelamim has been slaughtered), regarding which it is written: And slaughter it (the shelamim) at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. (Our verse does not mean that he should shave at the entrance to the Ohel Moed; rather, he should shave after the slaughtering of the shelamim, which occurred at the entrance to the Ohel Moed.)

The *Baraisa* asks: Perhaps the Torah means that he should shave at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting?

The *Baraisa* answers: That would be degrading (*for the Courtyard*).

Rabbi Yoshiyah said: It is not necessary to derive that from logic (*it can be derived through a kal vachomer*). It is written [Shmos 20:23]: And you shall not ascend with stairs upon My altar ("so that your nakedness shall not be exposed upon it"). (A ramp should be built, for if there would be stairs, the Kohen would be compelled to widen his stride, and although it would not be an actual exposure of his private parts, for it is written: "And make them linen pants", nevertheless, widening the strides would be slightly disrespectful to the Altar.) The shaving of one's hair at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, which is degrading, should certainly be forbidden!

Rabbi Yitzchak derived this *halachah* differently: It is written: And he shall take the hair of his nazir head and place it upon the fire which is under the shelamim. This is referring to someone who is only lacking "taking" and "placing." This excludes someone who is lacking "taking," "bringing" (the shorn hair from the entrance of the Ohel Moed to the place where the meat may be cooked, which is anywhere in Yerushalayim – Tosfos) and "placing."

The *Gemora* cites a different version of Rabbi Yitzchak: Rabbi Yitzchak said: The verse is referring to the *shelamim* sacrifice (*he should shave after the shelamim has been slaughtered*).

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He asks: Perhaps the Torah means that he should shave at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting?

He answers: The Torah says: *And he shall take the hair of his nazir head*. This teaches us that the place where the *shelamim* is cooked, that is where he should shave his head.

Abba Chanan said in the name of Rabbi Eliezer: *The nazir* shall shave his head at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. If the doors of the Tent of Meeting are not opened (*i.e. at night*), the *nazir* is not allowed to shave.

Rabbi Shimon Shezuri said: *The nazir shall shave his head at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting*. Only a male *nazir* shall shave his head there, but not a *nezirah*, for perhaps the young *Kohanim* might become aroused because of her.

Abba Chanan said to him: The *halachah* of the *sotah* proves you wrong. For it is written [Bamidbar 5:18]: *Then the Kohen shall stand the woman up before Hashem and uncover the hair on the head of the woman*. We see that the Torah is not concerned that the young *Kohanim* will become aroused because of her.

He answered them: The *nezirah* applies eye shadow and rouge, while the *sotah* does not (*for she was required to be made unattractive in order to induce her to admit to her sin*). (45a2 – 45b1)

Mishnah

The *nazir* shall take the hair of his head and throw it underneath the pot (*in which his shelamim was being cooked*). If he cut his hair in the provinces (*outside of Yerushalayim*), he would not throw his hair under the pot (*for the shelamim was cooked in Yerushalayim, and we excluded above cases that are lacking "taking," "bringing" and "placing"*). This *halachah* is only with respect to a *nazir* who is shaving his head in *taharah*; however, if he was shaving his head while *tamei* (*as part of his purification process*), he would not throw his hair underneath the pot. Rabbi Meir said: Every *nazir* would throw his hair underneath the pot, except a *nazir tamei* who shaved his head in the provinces. (45b1)

Gravy and the Pot

The Mishnah had stated: He would take the hair of his nazir head ...

The Gemora cites a Baraisa: Afterwards (after he shaved his head), he takes some of the gravy (from the cooked shelamim) and places it on the shorn hair and he throws it underneath the pot (in which his shelamim was being cooked). If he threw it underneath the pot in which the chatas or asham were being cooked, he has fulfilled his obligation.

The Gemora asks: Is there a korban asham by a nazir tahor (only a nazir tamei brings an asham)?

Rava answers: The Baraisa is referring to a nazir tamei (and would seemingly be following Rabbi Meir's view in the Mishnah that a nazir tamei also throws his hair underneath the pot).

From where is this derived? - Rava replied: The verse says: Which is under the sacrifice of the shelamim, signifying that part of its sacrifice should be underneath it. - But if he threw it under the pot containing the chatas [or the asham] his obligation would also be discharged. Why? — The verse says: The sacrifice of, thereby including the chatas and the asham. - But have you not made use of the words 'the sacrifice of' for [the rule concerning] the gravy? — If that is its whole significance the verse should have said: Of the gravy of the shelamim. Why then does it say 'the sacrifice of'? Clearly to include the chatas and the asham. - But perhaps its whole significance is this inference of the chatas and the asham? — If so, the verse should have read: the



shelamimm or the sacrifice. Why does it say: the sacrifice of the shelamim? We are thus entitled to infer both things. (45b1 – 45b2)

The *Gemora* cites a *Baraisa*: Every *nazir* would throw his hair underneath the pot, except a *nazir tamei* who shaved his head in the provinces, for his hair is buried (*as the Gemora in Temurah mandates; Tosfos wonders as to the reason for this*); these are the words of Rabbi Meir. Rabbi Yehudah says: Every *nazir tahor* would throw his hair underneath the pot, but a *nazir tamei* does not. The *Chachamim* say: Every nazir would not throw his hair under the pot, except a *nazir tahor* who shaves his head in the Mikdash, because only in that case was the ritual performed in the prescribed manner. (45b2 – 45b3)

INSIGHTS TO THE DAF

Reciting Korbanos in the Morning

Shulchan Aruch (O"C 1:5) rules that it is beneficial to recite every morning the portions in the Torah dealing with the *korban olah, mincha, shelamim, chatas* and *asham*.

The Magen Avraham asks: Shouldn't the *chatas* be mentioned before the *olah*, since the *chatas* always takes precedence?

The Chidah offers the following answer: The *Gemora* in Menachos (110a) states that whoever recites the portion in the Torah discussing the *korban chatas* is recognized as if he offered a *chatas* on the Altar. This, he explains, is only applicable to the portions of the *korban* which are burned on the Altar; however, with respect to the portion that is given to the *Kohanim*, and that which they eat which provides atonement for the owner, the recital of the relevant verses does not help for this. Therefore, he says, that which our *Gemora* said that a *chatas* takes precedence over an *olah*, that is only with respect to the sacrifice; however, with respect to the recital of the *korbanos*, it is preferable to recite the *olah* portion prior to the portion

dealing with the *chatas*. When one recites the verses of the *chatas*, he only receives credit for the portion that was to be brought on the Altar, but he does not receive credit for the portion of the *korban* which was to be eaten by the *Kohanim*; however, with the recital of the *olah* verses, it is regarded as if he offered the entire *korban*, for an *olah* is completely burned on the Altar. This is the reason that the *olah* is recited before the *chatas*.

DAILY MASHAL

The Nazir's Chatas

The *nazir* brings three animals; a *chatas*, *olah* and a *shelamim*.

It is not explained why a *nazir* brings a *korban chatas*. The Ramban writes that it is for the following reason: A *nazir* separates himself to serve Hashem in a manner of extreme sanctity. It is only fitting, that after he has reached such a high level, he should strive to remain on that level for the remainder of his life. Since he concluded his *nezirus* and he reverted back to the desires of this world, he is required to offer a *korban chatas* to atone for this reversal.

The Meshech Chochmah writes that the accepting of *nezirus* upon oneself results in the forfeiture of many *mitzvos*, such as involving himself with the burial of his close relatives, reciting *kiddush* over wine and making *havdalah*. Although, a *nazir* accomplishes much in his abstainment and he is considered praiseworthy for this, he nevertheless is required to bring a *korban chatas* to atone for the *mitzvos* that he has lost.