LAF YOMI

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ON TODAY'S DAF

Bekhorot 60 applies Rava's rule of minyan ha-ra'ui — animals counted properly stay counted — to fourteen lambs leaving a two-doored pen in three different patterns, then contrasts fifteen lambs (the leftover five stay obligated) with nineteen (the leftover nine are exempt), reconciled by a pen with two doors where one tenth animal counts for both groups of nine. It closes the masechet with the last mishnah: counting mistakes around animals nine, ten and eleven, the shelamim status of the eleventh and its temurah dispute, and counting in pairs, in hundreds, and backwards.

MAASER BEHEMAH · FIFTEEN LAMBS, DON'T CHERRY-PICK TEN



1. Rashi adds that what a person may do is pick the ten weakest lambs to bring into the pen for maaser behemah — but it doesn't make a difference which ten he picks.

“Rashi just says that that's human nature.”

— Rabbi Moshe Elefant

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MAASER BEHEMAH · THE SHIUR-DROPOUT'S EXCUSE



2. Even though Rava tells us you must bring all fifteen lambs in, what happens if a person didn't come to our shiur and doesn't know this halachah, and he indeed chooses ten?

“B'dieved it would be fine.”

— Rabbi Moshe Elefant

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MAASER BEHEMAH · ONE TENTH ANIMAL COUNTS FOR TWO PENS



3. Let's say a person accepted upon himself that for whatever duration he's going to fast every Monday and Thursday. And then on one of those Mondays or Thursdays is a taanit tzibbur. So he has to fast anyway. Has he fulfilled his neder? Can you fast one day and take care of two obligations?

“The same thing could be for Kaddish. You could say one Kaddish and it could work for a father and a mother — just as this one animal could be the tenth of this group and the tenth of this group.”

— Rabbi Moshe Elefant

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MAASER BEHEMAH · THE SHARED TENTH, APPLIED TO A MINYAN



4. You have two people who are chayavim, they both are insisting that they daven for the amud. So they'll divide into two groups — you have a shul that has two rooms. But you don't have twenty people. You have nineteen people. So can they divide into two groups, one room nine people and one room nine people, and the tenth person will stand in the middle and you can count him for both minyanim?

“You can't listen to two baalei tefillah from two different minyanim at the same time, and therefore there you certainly can't apply the concept of chazi l'hacha v'chazi l'hacha.”

— Rabbi Moshe Elefant

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ZAKAI IMEIH · RAV HUNA'S MOTHER GETS THE CREDIT



5. There's a father, a fine individual, who has a son who's baruch Hashem a big talmid chacham, a maggid shiur, gives shiurim, and the father has the time and the ability to drive around the son from one shiur that he gives to another shiur. Is the son allowed to take his father up on it? Because he's using his father, he's turning his father into a chauffeur.

“He paskened absolutely — the greatest pride to a parent is that they have a son, a talmid chacham. If the father could have the nachas of taking his son from one place to the other, of course you're allowed to use the father under those circumstances.”

— Rabbi Moshe Elefant

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COUNTING MAASER BEHEMAH · COUNTING BACKWARDS



6. This person counted backwards. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The tenth one in his numbering is kadosh — but you didn't call it ten, you called it one. So how could the animal that you called one be a maaser behemah animal?

“There are people from Persia that when they count they always count backwards, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6. And when they say one, they mean it's the tenth one.”

— Rabbi Moshe Elefant

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