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## Mixtures of Kodesh

The fifth *perek* of *Messechet Trumot* addresses the issue of *meduma*. The *din* of *meduma*, as presented in *Messechet Trumot* refers solely to mixtures of *trumah* and *chulin*. However, the *Gemara* (*Chagigah* 25b) speaks about a case where there may be *meduma* by *kodesh*.

The *Mishnah* in *Chagigah* states that an *Am ha'Aretz* is trusted with regard to the *taharah* of barrels of wine and oil that are *meduma*, not only during the season of pressing but even seventy days before it. The *Gemara* asks - what are the contents of these *meduma* barrels for which an *Am ha'Aretz* is trusted? Does the *Mishnah* refer to a mixture of *chulin* and *trumah* or a mixture of *chulin* and *kodesh*? The *Gemara* explains that it cannot be talking about *meduma* of *kodesh*, because there is no such thing as *meduma* for *kodesh*! Yet the *Gemarah* cannot accept that it is referring to *trumah* as an *Am ha'Aretz* is not trusted with protecting barrels of *trumah* from impurity. The *Gemara* answers that the *Mishnah* refers to a case where the *Am ha'Aretz* prepared his *tevel* in order to take *nesachim* (*kodesh*) from it, in which case he protects it from *tum'ah* more carefully, just like he can be trusted to protect actual *kodesh* from becoming *tamei*.

The *Gemara's* question seems to be that the term *meduma* is never used for anything except for *trumah* mixed into *chulin*. It does not refer to *kodesh* mixed with something, and therefore the term, when used by the *Mishnah*, must refer to *trumah* mixed with *chulin*, and not to *kodesh*.

If this is the *Gemara's* question, what does the *Gemara* mean when it answers that the *Am ha'Aretz* designated part of the contents of the barrel to be brought as *nesachim*? How can the *kodesh* that is mixed into the barrel be called *meduma*?

*Rashi* explains that the *Gemara's* answer (that the *Am ha'Aretz* planned to separate *kodesh* from the barrel), is

referring to a case where the contents of the barrel are *chulin*, *trumah*, and *kodesh*. Why does *Rashi* mention that the barrel has *trumah* mixed into it? After all, the simple explanation of the *Gemara* has nothing to do with *trumah*; the *Gemara* is looking for a case of *chulin* and *kodesh* mixed together, and not for *trumah* mixed in with it. Granted that the *Gemarah* explains that the produce is *tevel*, yet *meduma* is a term used to refer to a mixture of originally separated *trumah* and *chulin* and is not interchangeable with the term *tevel*.

The *Tosfot Rid* explains that *Rashi* apparently understood the question of the *Gemara* differently. According to *Rashi*, the *Gemara* was asking how the *Mishnah* can call *kodesh* mixed with *chulin*, "*meduma*," when the only item of *issur* that is called "*meduma*" refers to *trumah* mixed with something else.

The *Gemara* answers that since it is *tevel* it is as if *trumah* is also mixed into this mixture of *chulin* and *kodesh*, and that is why the entire mixture is called "*Meduma*." The *Am ha'Aretz* sets aside his *tevel* in order to separate *kodesh* from it to be used for *nesachim*. It is called "*Meduma*" because it still contains *trumah* that has not yet been separated from the *tevel*. The *Am ha'Aretz* guards the entire mixture because it has *kodesh* designated in it.

Why, though, should the *Mishnah* mention *meduma* and say that there is *trumah* mixed in with the *tevel*, if the *trumah* has nothing to do with why the *Am ha'Aretz* is guarding the barrel from *tum'ah* (he apparently guards it because it contains *kodesh*, and not because it contains *trumah*)? The answer is that the *Am ha'Aretz* is trusted only if he intended to separate *kodesh* from the produce at the very start of its production, from the time that it was harvested. Therefore, the *Mishnah* calls it "*meduma*," or *tevel* with *trumah* still in it, to show that it has been guarded from the beginning of its production.

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**Revision Questions**

תרומות ה' ב' – ו' ו':

- What should one do if:
  - One part *tameh trumah* becomes mixed in with one hundred parts *chulin*? (Include both opinions) (ה' ב')
  - One part *tahor trumah* becomes mixed in with one hundred parts *chulin tameh*? (ה' ג')
  - One part *tameh trumah* becomes mixed in with one hundred parts *trumah tahor*? (ה' ד')
- Explain the debate regarding *trumah* that was separated from a mixture of 100 parts *chulin*, 1 part *trumah*, which then became mixed with *chulin*. (ה' ה')
- Explain the debate regarding a portion of *meduma* produce that becomes mixed with *chulin*. (ה' ו')
- What are the two other areas of *Halacha* where the *Chachamim's* approach is similar to theirs taken in the previous question? (ה' ז')
- What is the law regarding a particular pile of *chulin* that repeatedly has had *trumah* (less than 1/100<sup>th</sup> of its size) mixed into it, and subsequently *trumah* removed? (ה' ח')
- What is the law regarding a pile of *chulin* that had two pieces of *trumah* (1/100<sup>th</sup> of the size of the pile) fall into it one after the other? (ה' ט')
- What is the law regarding a mixture of *chulin* and *trumah* that has been processed and as a result, its volume has changed? (ה' י')
- If the ratio of *chulin* to *trumah* in a mixture was less than 100 to 1, and more *chulin* fell into the mixture such that the ratio increase to being more than 100 to 1, what is the status of this mixture? (ה' יא')
- What is the law regarding a non-Kohen that ate *trumah* by mistake? (ה' יב')
- What is the law regarding a *bat Israel* that ate *trumah* by mistake, then married a *Kohen*? (ה' יג')
- Explain the debate regarding an *Israel* who fed his workers *trumah*? (ה' יד')
- What is the law regarding: (ה' טו')
  - One who stole *trumah* but did not eat it?
  - One who stole *trumah* and ate it?
  - One who stole *trumat hekdesch* and ate it?
- Explain the debate between *R' Meir* and the *Chachamim* regarding which produce may be used to recompense the *Kohen*. List the produce that *R' Meir* prohibits? (ה' טז')
- Explain how *R' Eliezer* and *R' Akiva* each understand the *pasuk*: (ה' טז')  
 "וַיִּנְתֵּן לַכֹּהֵן אֶת הַקֹּדֶשׁ" (ויקרא כ"ב: י"ד)
- To what law is the previous question related? (ה' טז')

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