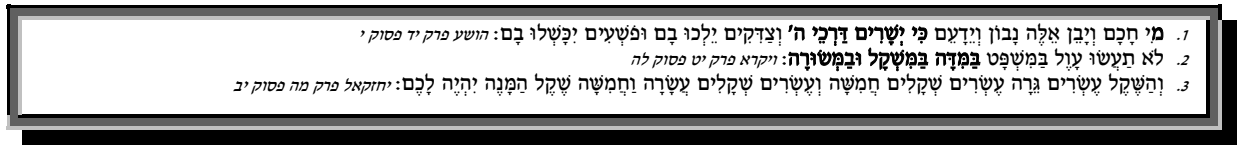


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89a (תנו רבנן היה מבקש) → 90b (רוח פפא)



- I Continuation of discussion of proper weights and measures:
- a *If:* someone requests a pound, ½ pound or ¼ pound – must be given
    - i *Teaching:* that weights for each of these denominations must be fashioned
  - b *If:* he requested ¾ pound – don't measure 3x ¼, rather, measure 1 pound and opposite it place the meat and ¼ lb.
  - c *If:* he requested 10 pounds, don't weigh 10x1, giving the overage each time; rather weigh 10 lbs. at once with 1 overage
  - d *Sizes of scales:*
    - i *For heavy metals:* hollow of scale hanging 3 טפחים in the air and 3 above ground; beams/ropes: 12 טפחים long
    - ii *Wool and glass sellers:* suspended 2 and 2 high; total beam/rope length is 9
    - iii *Storekeepers and בעה"ב:* 1 and 1, total rope/beam length of 6
    - iv *Gold seller:* 3 fingers and 3 fingers, length of rope/beam unknown
  - e *Note:* same שיעורים apply for purposes of טומאה –
    - i *Challenge:* this has already been taught (regarding the hollow)
    - ii *Answer:* the beam/rope amounts weren't taught
- II Series of ברייתות with various rules about weights
- a *We do not:* make weights out of various metals, only stone or glass
  - b *The scraper:* may not be made of squash (too light) or metal (too heavy); may be made of olive or other woods
  - c *The scraper:* may not have one side thin and the other thick – as the thick side hurts the buyer, the thin side – the seller
    - i *And:* do not scrape at one shot (shortchanges seller) or a little bit at a time (buyer is harmed)
    - ii *Note:* regarding all of these, we apply יוחנן ר' observation – לא אומר, או לי אם לא אומר, או לי אם לא אומר
      - 1 *But:* he did publicize them, relying on v. 1
  - d *Interpretation of terms in v2:*
    - i *מדה* refers to land measures – don't use it in different season (where dampness makes it longer)
    - ii *משקל* not to soak weights in salt (which cause them to corrode and lose weight)
    - iii *משורה:* not to pour in too fast, causing bubbling
      - 1 *ל"ו* to greater measures (משורה is 1/36 of a לוג – about .5 of an ounce!)
    - iv *Application (רב יהודה):* prohibited to keep an inaccurate weight in the house, even if being used for something else
      - 1 *ל"פ* only in a place where unauthorized weights are used; else, permissible
      - 2 *Also:* in a place where they regularly measure the weights, it's ok
        - (a) *Rejected:* could be just before שבת and they won't measure
      - 3 *Supporting ברייתא:* but allows him to make measures of 1 סאה down to 1/20 of a קב (עוכלא)
        - (a) *And:* in liquid measures – from a הין (12 לוג) to 1/64 of a לוג (קורטוב)
          - (i) *Note:* no allowance for large measures which are within 1/4 of another measure
          - (ii) *However:* small measures are carefully checked
          - (iii) *And:* measures that are also found in מקדש (e.g. 1/3 הין and 1/4 הין) are permissible – כהנים זריזים
- III שמואל's "sixes"
- a *Weights:* may not be increased by more than 1/6 – based on v. 3
    - i *Which teaches:* that measures of the מקדש are double; we may increase but only up to 1/6 and 1/6 is מלבר
    - ii *Story:* בר שמואל ר"פ established a 9-לוג measure (more than 1/6 away from any known measure)
      - 1 *Defense:* he wasn't modifying, he was setting up a new weight
        - (a) *Ruling:* rejected in פומבדיתא; פפואי accepted it (and they called the weight רוח פפא)
  - b *Coins:* may not modify value by more than 1/6
  - c *Profit:* may not profit by more than 1/6