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28b (משנה א) → 30a (סיום הפרק)

1. אָנָה אָנְחָנוּ עָלֵינוּ אֲחִינוּ הַמָּסוּ אֶת לִבְבָנוּ לֵאמֹר עִם גָּדוֹל וְרַם מִמֶּנּוּ עָרִים גְּדוֹלִת וּבָצוּרִת בְּשָׂמַיִם וְגַם בְּנֵי עֲנָקִים רָאִינוּ שָׁם: דְּבָרִים א, כח
 2. וַיַּעֲלוּ כָל הָעָם אַחֲרָיו וְהָעָם מְחַלְלִים בְּחֻלְלִים וְשֹׂמְחִים שְׂמִיחָה גְדוֹלָה וַתִּבָּקַע הָאָרֶץ בְּקוֹלָם: מ"א א, מ
 3. וְעָרְכוּ בְנֵי אֶהֱרֹן הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת הַנִּתְחִים אֶת הָרֹאשׁ וְאֶת הַפָּדֵר עַל הַעֲצִים אֲשֶׁר עַל הָאֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ: וַיִּקְרָא א, ח

I תרונה"ד after כהנים activity of rest of משנה א

- a *When*: they saw that he (the תורם) had gone down, they quickly rushed in, performed קי"ר from the כיור
 i *Then*: they took the shovels and forks and went up to the מזבח
 ii *Whereupon*: they took the limbs and fats that hadn't yet been consumed and placed them at the side of the (top) of מזבח
 1 *And*: if there wasn't enough room there, they would place them on the סובב and the כבש

II מזבח moving the ashes around on the משנה ב

- a *After*: removing the limbs and fats, they would pile all the ashes onto the תפוח (in the middle of the מזבח)
 i *Sometimes*: it would get as big as 300 כור of ashes (before they would move it out of the עזרה and the city)
 1 כוס של זהב – is an exaggeration, as is report (ג'ד) that they would water the תמיד (to make flaying easier) with כוס של זהב
 (a) *Tangent*: (ר' אמי): the תורה, the חכמים and נביאים occasionally use hyperbole (תורה – v.1; נביאים – v. 3)
 (i) כוס של זהב and תפוח חכמים
 (b) פרוכת and גפן, תפוח – used hyperbole in 3 places – חכמים שמואל
 (i) משנה our תפוח
 (ii) מדות ג'ח: גפן (it took "300" כהנים to move the "golden grape cluster")
 (iii) מקוה ח: ח: פרוכת (it took "300" כהנים to bring it and dip it in the מקוה)
 ii *On דגלים* they wouldn't remove it as it is considered aesthetically beautiful for מזבח
 iii *Never*: did a כהן not move the דשן out due to laziness

III מערכה setting up logs for main משנה ג

- a *They began*: laying down logs
 b *Any wood*: is valid except for vines and olive wood
 i *Reason*: vines and olive-wood is invalid
 1 ד"פ: they are knotty
 2 יישוב ארץ ישראל (not to cut these down) ד' אחא בר יעקב
 (a) *Challenge* (to אחא א: ר' אבהו) – v. 3 allows for any wood that is thin like spits and doesn't form inward knots
 (i) *Therefore*: all wood is valid except vines and olive-wood
 (ii) *But*: they would use boughs of fig-trees, nut-trees and עצי שמן
 (iii) ד"א adds (to list of unsuitable woods) the מייש (unknown hardwood), oak, date, carob and sycamore trees
 1. *Analysis*: according to ר"פ, dispute is clear – ת"ק – since they only knot on outside, valid; ר"א – since they knot on the inside – valid
 2. *But*: according to ר' אחא, a date-tree also affects יישוב ארץ ישראל
 a. *Defense*: the "canonical" list includes fig-trees, which also impact on יישוב הארץ
 i. *Rather*: there are fig trees which don't impact – if they no longer bear fruit; same for dates
 ii. *Challenge*: are there fig trees which don't bear fruit?
 iii. *Answer*: indeed, per ר' אחבה's report of how they would plant white-fig trees which don't produce fruit and, as a result, their wood is superior
 c *But*: they would use boughs of fig trees, nut trees and oil trees (wood that burns easily)

IV מערכה setup and direction of the main משנה ד

- a *Setup*: on east side of מזבח and facing east; heads of the logs would touch the תפוח
 b *Spaces*: they left spaces between the logs to light kindling wood
 i ד' הונא/ר' חסדא: reason for facing east - either to allow wind to circulate in or to light kindling from there
 1 *Challenge*: rest of משנה – space is for אליהו (→not direction)
 2 *Answer*: they would put kindling all over

V משנה ה prepaing 2nd מערכה – for קטורת, which would be in SW corner, 4 אמות north of edge

- a *Wood*: fig wood that they would estimate would leave 5 סאים of coals – on שבת, 8 סאים – as they would put 2 לבונה there ביזיכי לבונה
 b *Then*: any limbs or fats that hadn't been consumed overnight were returned to the main מערכה; they would light both מערכות and go down to the לשכת הגזית