

# חולין CHULLIN

## חולין - Chulin

*Non-sacred* refers to anything that is not holy. When discussing meat, *chulin* refers to animals or birds that are slaughtered and eaten outside the *Beit Mikdash* (as all meat is today).

## סימנים - Simanim

The *simanim* are the esophagus (*veset*) and the windpipe (*kaneh*). The *kohen* must cut the majority of both (for animals) or one (for birds) for the *shchita* to be kosher.

## שחיטה פסולה - Shchita Psula

Ritual slaughter (*shchita*) is invalid if any of the following occurs: a significant pause during the cut (*shehiya*); cutting while the knife is covered (*chalada*); excessive force or pressing (*derisa*); tearing a *siman* instead of slicing (*ikur*) it; or cutting outside the designated area (*hagrama*).

## נחירה - Nechira

*Stabbing* - the act of killing an animal by means other than *shchita*. This permits the animal's meat to non-Jews (but not to Jews). The Jews were permitted to eat this meat during their sojourn in the desert.

## טרפות - Treyfot

*Treyfot* are animals (and people) that have a wound or illness that will cause them to die within a year or so. Both wounds and animals are referred to as *treyfot*.

## נבלה - Neveyla

*Carcass* - an animal that died of natural causes.

## אותו ואת בנו - Oto V'et B'no

*Him and his son* - the *mitzva* not to kill an animal and its descendant on the same day.

## כיסוי הדם - Kisui HaDam

*Covering the blood* - refers to the *mitzva* of covering blood that spilled on the ground during *shchita*. If the blood is not covered, eating the animal is forbidden.

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## Gid HaNasheh - גיד הנשה

The *sciatic nerve* - eating an animal's sciatic nerve (a large nerve in the right thigh) is forbidden. This is connected to Ya'akov's injury on his thigh while wrestling with the angel.

## Matanot Kehuna - מתנות כהונה

*Gifts of the priesthood* - there are twenty-four gifts that the Torah commanded the Jews to give the *kohanim*. These include firstborn male animals; the foreleg, jaw, and maw of slaughtered non-sacrificial animals; the breast and thigh of certain sacrifices; the skins of burnt-offerings; the money used to redeem the firstborn son; and the first sheared wool.

## Chelev - חלב

*Fat* - the fatty parts of a sacrificial animal that the *kohanim* burn on the altar. Eating this is forbidden and punishable by *karet*, even if the animal was not slaughtered as a sacrifice.

## Simanei Tahara - סימני טהרה

*Signs of purity* - features that determine whether an animal is kosher. For animals, these are split hooves and chewing the cud; for fish, they are fins and scales; for birds, they are an extra digit, a crop, and a gizzard that can be peeled.

### DAF CHECKLIST:

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