

בכורות BEKHOROT

בכור אדם - Bekhor Adam

Human firstborn - firstborn sons. Unless one of them is a *kohen* or *levi*, parents must redeem their firstborn son from the priests by giving a *kohen* five *sela*. This process is called *pidyon haben*.

בכור בהמה - Bekhor Behema

Animal firstborn - firstborn kosher animals are holy, and may not be sheared or used for work. Rather, the owner must give them to a *kohen*. If the animal is healthy, the *kohen* sacrifices it and eats it in Jerusalem; if the animal has a defect, the *kohen* slaughters it and eats it as *chulin*.

פטר חמור - Peter Chamor

Firstborn donkey - it is a *mitzvah* to redeem firstborn donkeys by giving a lamb to a *kohen*. If not redeemed, firstborn donkeys must be beheaded.

יוצא דופן - Yotzei Dofen

A child born by caesarean section. Such a child is considered a halakhic firstborn in some senses, while in others, there is a *machloket* (for example, not all agree on whether he receives a double inheritance).

ראיית בכורות - Re'iyat Bekhorot

A procedure by which judges skilled in blemish assessment examine firstborn animals with defects to determine whether the blemish disqualifies them from being offered as sacrifices.

מעשר בהמה - Ma'aser Behema

Animal tithes - every herd owner must set aside a tithe from his (kosher) animals. On *rosh chodesh Elul*, the owner counts his animals born that year. Every tenth animal becomes holy. The owner gives it to a *kohen*, who sacrifices and eats it in Jerusalem.

ירעה עד שיסתאב - Yireh Ad SheYista'ev

Should graze until it becomes unfit, - when a firstborn animal that has been given to a *kohen* cannot be sacrificed, it must graze (without being worked or sheared) until it becomes blemished. When this happens, the *kohen* may slaughter and eat it.

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NOTES:

DAF CHECKLIST:

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
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