

Makos Review Lesson 45 - 10A:

1. **Question:** Chevron was not an Ir Miklat! It says "va'Yitnu l'Kalev Es Chevron..."
2. **Answer - Abaye:** Kalev received the surrounding villages - "v'Es Sede ha'Ir v'Es Chatzereha Nosnu l'Kalev."
3. **Question:** Kadesh was not an Ir Miklat! It says "v'Arei Mivtzar... v'Kedesh..." (Mivtzar is a great city); and we know from a Beraisa....
4. **Beraisa:** We do not select small towns to be Arei Miklat (for food is scarce), nor great cities (lest the Go'el ha'Dam come there often, and plot to kill the murderer), rather, intermediate cities.
5. **Answer - Rav Yosef:** There were two cities called Kedesh.
6. **Rav Ashi:** This is like Salikum, a great city with a middle-size suburb city called by the same name.

REGULATIONS FOR AREI MIKLAT:

1. **Beraisa:** Arei Miklat are not small towns, nor great cities, rather, intermediate cities;
2. We establish them only in places of water;
3. If there is no water, we dig channels so water will flow to them from rivers.
4. We establish them only where there are markets, and many people nearby (lest Go'elei ha'Dam take up arms and overcome the residents);
5. If the people nearby dwindled, we bring more.
6. If residents of the city dwindled, we bring Kohanim, Leviyim and Yisraelim (so that murderers will not comprise the majority. Ritva - we do not bring other lineages, who lack the proper Midos, lest they give the murderer to the Go'el ha'Dam. Also, we want people proper to serve on a Sanhedrin, in case there will be a need. Si'ach Yitzchak - the Beraisa teaches that even though the cities belong to Leviyim, Yisraelim may settle there.)
7. R. Nechemyah says, we do not sell weapons or traps in the cities;
8. Chachamim permit this. (The Go'el ha'Dam is afraid to overtly kill him, for if so, he is Chayav Misah).
9. All agree that we do not set traps there. Also, we do not twine ropes (this is done over a large area, encompassing many people), lest the Go'el ha'Dam come there often.
10. **R. Yitzchak:** We learn from "... va'Chai" - we must ensure that he will live.

THE VALUE OF TORAH:

1. **Beraisa:** "Va'Chai" - if a Talmid is exiled, his Rebbi also goes, so he will have true life.
2. **R. Zeira:** This teaches that a Rebbi should be careful not to teach an improper Talmid (the Rebbi is exiled as punishment for teaching him).
3. **R. Yochanan):** If a Rebbi is exiled, his academy also goes.
4. **Question:** R. Yochanan taught that Torah is Kolet - "Es Betzer ba'Midbar... v'Zos ha'Torah."
5. **Answer #1:** It is Kolet only when he is learning.
6. **Answer #2:** It is Kolet (protects) from the angel of death, but not from the Go'el ha'Dam.
7. **Rav Chisda** was learning. The angel of death could not approach him, for he did not cease speaking Torah. He sat on a tree. The angel of death split the tree. Rav Chisda stopped learning for a moment, and died.
8. **R. Tanchum bar Chanilai:** The first Ir Miklat mentioned was in Reuven's portion. He merited this because he was the first to speak to save Yosef - "va'Yishma Reuven va'Yatzilehu mi'Yadam."
9. **R. Simlai:** "Shalosh Arim... Mizrachah Shamesh" - Hash-m told Moshe to (separate the cities, and thereby) make the sun shine for murderers. Alternatively, He told him 'by separating the cities, you made the sun shine for murderers.'
10. **R. Simai:** "Ohev Kesef Lo Yisba Kesef" is Moshe, who knew that the cities he separated would not Kolet until the ones in Eretz Yisrael were separated. In any case he seized the opportunity to do the Mitzvah;
11. "U'Mi Ohev be'Hamon Lo Sevu'ah" - who is qualified to teach Torah to many? One who has all the grain (he knows Tanach, Mishnah, Halachos and Agados).