

שמע מינה כליא¹ דתנור טפה –

We know from this that the *Kalyoh* of an oven is a *Tefach*

OVERVIEW

אביי stated that we can derive from our משנה that the protrusion of the כליא (to the rest of the oven) is a טפה and this is important regarding וממכר. Our תוספות explains why this information was not discussed in a similar case previously.

תוספות responds to an anticipated difficulty:

הא דלא קאמר נמי לעיל שמע מינה שכב דריחים נמי טפה² לפי שהיה פשוט להם איך היה:
The reason the גמרא previously did not state, ‘we can derive from the משנה that the שכב (base) of the mill also extends a טפה’ (just like it made this inference regarding an oven), this is because it was obviously known to them how a mill was; everyone knew that in the mills the שכב was a טפה wider than the rest of the mill.³

SUMMARY

There is no need to belabor the obvious.

THINKING IT OVER

1. Can we somehow explain why is it that they knew the size of the mill, but not the size of the oven?
2. If everyone knows that the שכב extends a טפה from the רכב,⁴ why did the משנה have to add שלשה מן שכב, it would be sufficient to state שלשה מן הרכב, שהן ארבעה מן הרכב, it would be sufficient to state שלשה מן שכב and we would know that it is ארבעה מן הרכב?!⁵

¹ See on יז,א that תוספות בד"ה כליא explains רש"י בד"ה ואת that כליא to mean the base of the oven, while תוספות בד"ה כליא (and in TIE there) maintains that it is the protruding belly of the oven.

² We know this since the משנה states מן הרכב ד' מן הרכב שהן ד' מן הרכב. It is necessary to know this regarding וממכר, just like by the oven, so why does not the גמרא mention this as well?!

³ See ‘Thinking it over’ # 2.

⁴ See footnote # 3.

⁵ See נחלת משה.