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Overview

Siman 208 Seif 11:

When saying מעין שלש on wine one does not conclude על הארץ ועל פרי הגפן rather one concludes or על הארץ ועל הפרות.

- There is a disagreement whether the beracha should conclude with a reference specifically to wine or whether it is sufficient to just mention fruit. Shulchan Aruch therefore writes that one could follow either approach. Later authorities write that one should conclude: על הארץ ועל פרי הארץ. (M.B. 56)

Siman 208 Seif 12:

One mentions the event of the day of Shabbos, Yom Tov and Rosh Chodesh but not Chanukah or Purim. If one ate fruit from the seven species as well as cake and also drank wine, one should incorporate all of these foods into a single beracha. One first mentions המחיה and then הגפן followed by העץ and one should say: על המחיה ועל הכלכלה ועל הגפן ועל פרי הגפן ועל העץ ועל פרי העץ and should conclude: על הארץ ועל המחיה ועל פרי הגפן ועל הפרות.

- If one did not mention these occurrences he has fulfilled his obligation. (M.B. 58)
- In birkas hamazon one is not obligated to mention Chanukah or Purim other than as a custom so certainly in מעין שלש it is unnecessary. (M.B. 59)
- The reason is that the beracha is more specific and comes first in the pasuk. Wine follows next since it is also important and has a specific beracha. (M.B. 60)
- Some authorities maintain that one only needs to say ועל הפרות. The custom is in accordance with Shulchan Aruch. If one did not mention פרי הגפן he is not required to repeat the beracha. (M.B. 61)

Siman 208 Seif 13:

If one ate fruit from the seven species and apples it is unnecessary to recite בורא נפשות on the apples since they are included in the beracha of על העץ being that they are also fruit of the tree. If one ate apples and drank wine one must recite בורא נפשות on the apples and certainly if one ate meat or vegetables and drank wine or ate fruit of the seven species one must recite a separate beracha for each food. The same halacha is true when one ate meat or fish and then ate food from the five grains the beracha of על המחיה does not cover the meat and fish.

- Some authorities maintain that if one concluded the beracha on wine with the words ועל הארץ ועל הפרות he fulfills his obligation for the apples as well. Therefore, when eating apples and drinking wine one should first recite בורא נפשות on the apples or he should conclude the beracha on wine with the words: על הארץ ועל פרי הגפן. (M.B. 64)

Halacha Highlight

One who forgets to mention a food in מעין שלש

Shulchan Aruch Siman 208 Seif 12
אם אכל פרות משבעת מינים וכו'
If one ate fruit from the seven species etc.

Shulchan Aruch (סעי' י"ב) writes that one who ate fruit from the seven species, ate food made from grain and drank wine should incorporate all three varieties of food into a single beracha. He then elaborates and explains that one should mention all three categories both in the opening of the beracha as well as in the beracha's conclusion.

Poskim discuss the proper approach for one who was, for example, supposed to include על המחיה and על הגפן but mistakenly began the beracha and only mentioned על המחיה. Sdei Chemed (מערכת ברכות סי' א' אות כ') writes that once one is in the middle of the beracha and he realizes that he forgot to mention על הגפן, he should conclude the beracha with the words מעין שלש and then recite a second time mentioning just wine. In the event that he mentioned only one of the two categories in the opening line but mentioned them both in the conclusion he has b'dieved fulfilled his obligation. Teshuvas Mishnah Sachir (ח"א סי' ל"ז) rejects the assertion that preferably one should conclude the beracha by just mentioning על המחיה so that one could recite the beracha again mentioning wine. He asserts that the proper approach is to include wine in the beracha's conclusion even though he did not mention it in the beracha's opening.

Teshuvas Maharshag (ח"א סי' נ"ג) suggests a totally different approach. He contends that if one is in the middle of the beracha when he realizes that he forgot to mention wine he should could back to the beginning and restart from the words על המחיה וכו' and mention wine. He then continues through the rest of the beracha and mentions both categories of food in the conclusion as well. He agrees, however, that if one did not restart the beracha and instead just added wine to the conclusion he has fulfilled his obligation.

Siman 208 Seif 14:

If one drank wine and recited בורא פרי הגפן and is eating grapes he must recite בורא פרי העץ. Similarly, regarding the beracha acharona he must mention על העץ ועל פרי העץ.

Siman 208 Seif 15:

If, bdieved, one recites בורא פרי הגפן on grapes or afterwards one recited על הגפן he has fulfilled his obligation.

- There is a dispute between authorities whether the beracha of בורא פרי העץ is effective when drinking wine and the lenient approach is adopted for doubtful matters related to berachos. (M.B. 70)