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Overview

Siman 512 Seif 2:

If gentile soldiers gave flour to Jews to bake for them bread, it is permitted provided that they allow the Jews to give some of the bread to children.

- Some authorities write that it is permitted only if one actually gives some bread to children and not merely because one has the right to give some to children. (M.B. 13)
- If one does not bake all of the bread he may not give any to a child and thus all of the baking is considered necessary for the child. Authorities write that the same is true if a Jew provides the flour due to a government mandate and the bread may not be shared with a child unless all of the flour is baked. (M.B. 14)
- Taz writes that one should not rely on the leniency of giving one loaf to a child unless it is a pressing circumstance. (M.B. 15)

Siman 512 Seif 3:

It is prohibited to cook or bake for dogs but it is permitted to move food and place it in front of them. However, it is prohibited to transport food for them from one domain to another. It is also prohibited to knead bran for birds unless one employs a deviation. It is permitted to add more food for a dog in the pot in which one is cooking for himself even if one has other food that he could give to the dog if he wanted to give them that food.

- One may not perform any *melacha* for any animal. (M.B. 16)
- The laws of preparing food for an animal on Shabbos are in *siman* 324 and the same rules apply to Yom Tov. (M.B. 17)
- It would seem that one may ask a gentile to transport the food from one domain to another. (M.B. 19)
- It should say, "Even if he does not have other food etc." and Gra explains that Rema means that if one had other food to give it would be permitted to add more food for the dog provided that one could eat the food that he is cooking. However, Magen Avrohom rules that one may not cook for an animal in another pot since doing so makes it obvious that the intent is to cook for the animal rather than for himself and many authorities cite his stringent position. (M.B. 22)

Halacha Highlight

Feeding animals on Yom Tov

Shulchan Aruch Siman 512 Seif 3
אסור לבשל ולאפות לצורך כלבים
It is prohibited to cook or bake for dogs

Shulchan Aruch (סע' ג') rules that it is prohibited to cook or bake for dogs on Yom Tov. Mishnah Berurah (ס"ק ט"ז) explains that Shulchan Aruch's reference to dogs is not specific and applies to other animals as well. Similarly, it is not specifically cooking or baking that one may not do on behalf on an animal; one may not perform any *melacha* for the benefit of an animal on Yom Tov. Rema adds that it is permitted to add more food to the pot of food that one is cooking for himself in order to give the additional food to an animal. Mishnah Berurah (ס"ק כ"א) adds that this allowance is not limited to animals that one is responsible to feed but one may employ this leniency to feed even animals that he is not responsible to feed.

Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach notes that Mishnah Berurah's comment about feeding animals that one is not responsible to feed is inconsistent with another ruling. Elsewhere, Shulchan Aruch (סי' תצ"ז סע' ב') wrote regarding fish and fowl that are *muktzah* since they were not designated for consumption that it is prohibited to feed them on Yom Tov out of concern that it will lead one to decide to eat it on Yom Tov. Biur Halacha (שם ד"ה דגים) emphasizes that one may only feed animals that one is responsible to feed. Is it permitted to feed animals that one is not responsible to feed on Yom Tov or not? Rav Auerbach answers that the allowance in our *siman* to feed animals that one is not responsible to feed refers to where he is preparing food that he intends to feed the animals after Yom Tov so there is no concern that he will eat the *muktzah* animal on Yom Tov. Alternatively, Shulchan Aruch refers to one who is preparing food for a gentile's animal which is not *muktzah* since the gentile could slaughter it for consumption on Yom Tov.