

Meilah with Offerings

Ref: *Sefer Avodah, Hilchot Meilah, Chapters 1–4*

It is forbidden for an ordinary person to benefit from articles that have been consecrated to *Hashem* or to the Temple.

Reminder:

Pack on Consecration



Meilah refers to the misappropriation of such articles.

Meilah does not refer to items which have a permissibility e.g. to be eaten

e.g.

- Meat of Sin offerings and Guilt offerings (after blood was cast)
- *Shtei Halechem*

Even although this permissibility is only for *Kohanim*, if an ordinary person partakes, it is not called *meilah*.



Meilah would apply to a burnt offering because this is entirely offered to *Hashem* – *Mipi Hashmuah*.



He who commits such a trespass shall pay for this unlawful use (of sacred object), plus an additional $\frac{1}{5}$, and shall bring a Guilt Offering¹

Factors

- Applies to entities offered on *Mizbeach* as well as articles i.e. anything which has been sanctified to *Hashem*.
- Measure to be regarded as misappropriation is **1 prutah**.
- If he sinned on purpose punishment is *malkot*.
- If done unknowingly punishment is restitution plus addition of $\frac{1}{5}$. Also, must bring a ram as an *Asham* Offering (worth **2 selaim**).

[the $\frac{1}{5}$ = $\frac{1}{4}$ of the principal, to make principal, plus the $\frac{1}{5}$ equal to **5 units**] e.g. if principal is 4, then $\frac{1}{5}$ = 1, and principal plus $\frac{1}{5}$ = 5



Where one is only liable *Derabanan*, one only has to pay the principal (i.e. no $\frac{1}{5}$ and no *Asham*)

Reminder:

Pack on *Korbanot* (Sacrifices)



MEILAH

	<i>Meilah</i> applies	<i>Meilah</i> does not apply
<i>Kodshei kalim</i> Fats and organs of <i>kodshei kalim</i> (<i>shalmei yachid</i> is <i>kodshei kalim</i>)	After blood cast Until taken to ash heap (<i>Meilah</i> only applies to the fats and organs of (<i>kodshei kalim</i>))	To parts which are eaten
<i>Kodshei kodashim</i> Portions of <i>Kodshei kodashim</i> which are burnt	From consecration to blood casting Until taken to ash heap (from blood casting)	To parts which are eaten
<i>Olah</i> of fowl or animal	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
Handful of Meal Offering	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
Frankincense of Meal Offering	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
Meal Offering of Priest	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
<i>Chavitin</i> Offering of <i>Kohen Gadol</i>	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
Meal Offering of <i>Nesachim</i> (accompanying)	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
<i>Par Veseir</i> that are burnt	Until taken to ash heap (from consecration)	
<i>Parah Adumah</i>	Consecration to reduction to ash	📖 Courts decided that a person does not violate <i>meilah</i> with the ashes of <i>Parah Adumah</i>
<i>Chatat</i> <i>Asham</i> <i>Shalmei Tzibur</i> – <i>Kodshei kodashim</i>	Consecration to blood casting Only applies to organs and fat until taken to ash heap	To parts which are eaten
Fats and organs – of <i>Chatat</i> , <i>Asham</i> , <i>Shalmei Tzibur</i>	Until taken to ash heap	
<i>Chatat</i> of birds	Consecration till blood casting	

Meal Offering	Consecration until handful offered on Fire – because now permitted for eating	After burning (unless the rest is not permitted for eating)
<i>Lechem Hapanim</i>	Consecration until Bowls of frankincense offered - because now permitted for eating	
<i>Shtei Halechem of Shavuot</i>	Consecration until blood of sheep cast - because now permitted for eating	
<i>Nesachim</i> (wine libation)	Consecration to pouring down <i>Shitin</i>	
Water	While in pitcher (Not the Golden Jug prior to Pitcher where it stayed overnight)	
Log of oil of <i>metzora</i>	Consecration till blood of <i>asham</i> cast	
Blood	After it flows to <i>Kidron</i> river (because people would use as fertiliser)	Does not apply before this unless it was an animal where blood was let
<i>Bones</i> <i>Gidim</i> Horns Hoofs of <i>Kodshei kodashim</i>	Only if separated before casting blood. If bones fall off <i>Mizbeach</i> before midnight they are <i>meilah</i> . (after midnight, not)	After blood casting
A coal that was consecrated	Applies all the time it exists	Does not apply to its flame because flame has no substance
Ashes of Outer <i>Mizbeach</i>	Before and after removal	
Ashes of Inner <i>Mizbeach</i>		Does not apply (but we are not allowed to benefit)
Ashes of <i>Menorah</i>		Does not apply (but we are not allowed to benefit)
Consecrated animal which has a blemish (<i>Kodshei kodashim</i>)	Applies until redeemed	
Birds not fit to be redeemed or Sin offering consigned to death		Does not apply

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Animal dies	 Continues to apply <i>Derabanan</i>	✓ (according to Scriptural Law)
<i>Kodshei kodashim</i> became disqualified and there was never a time that they were permitted	<i>Meilah</i> applies forever	If they were permitted for a time then <i>meilah</i> does not apply to those parts which could be eaten
<i>Kodshei kalim</i> became disqualified e.g. <i>Pigul</i>		Does not apply even to fats and organs even if blood was cast
Sin Offering which were sent to pasture until blemish develops	Applies until redeemed	
Meal Offering, <i>Shtei Halechem</i> , <i>Lechem Hapanim</i> were disqualified without there having been a time when eating was permitted e.g. <i>Pigul</i>	 <i>Meilah</i> applies <i>Derabanan</i>	
Milk, eggs of animals, fowl which are consecrated		Forbidden to benefit but <i>meilah</i> does not apply

Laws of *meilah* where money has been set aside for Offerings.

Money set aside	<i>Meilah</i> applies
<i>Chatat (Kodshei kodashim)</i>	Yes
<i>Olah (Kodshei kodashim)</i>	Yes
<i>Asham (Kodshei kodashim)</i>	Yes
Turtle Doves (<i>Chatat/Olah</i>)	Yes
Young Doves (<i>Chatat/Olah</i>)	Yes
<i>Shelamim (Kodshei kalim)</i> of <i>yachid</i>	No (Because <i>meilah</i> would only apply after Blood Casting with <i>Kodshei kalim</i>)
<i>Shelamim</i> of <i>Tzibur</i> (communal) are <i>Kodshei kodashim</i>	Yes