

Sanctification effect of Mizbeach and Holy Vessels in Temple

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Outer *Mizbeach*

Inner *Mizbeach*

Holy Vessels

The Outer *Mizbeach* sanctifies entities which come in contact with it even if these entities are disqualified. However, these entities must have been fit for the *Mizbeach*. Includes Ramp.

If they were not fit for the *Mizbeach* they should be taken down.

The inner *Mizbeach* will sanctify even entities which are not fit for it.

Sacred utensils sanctify also only what is fit for them (as with Outer *Mizbeach*).

OUTER MIZBEACH

- Animals may be slaughtered, skinned, cut into portions etc on the *Mizbeach*. (The innards should be brought down to be washed – it is not respectful to be done on Altar.)
- The open space above the *Mizbeach* is considered as the *Mizbeach* itself i.e. even if they had not yet been placed down onto the Altar.
- Generally, even disqualified entities which reach the *Mizbeach*, should not be taken down. There are exceptions e.g. *Niskei Yayin* (wine libations). These should be removed.
- If *Mizbeach* becomes damaged:
 - ALL animals slaughtered become disqualified (not the live ones).
 - No sacrificial meat should be eaten until repair has taken place.

INNER MIZBEACH

- Inner *Mizbeach* has an added measure of holiness. (Even non-fit items that should not be on the *Mizbeach* become sanctified.)

HOLY VESSELS

- Measuring vessels for liquids do not consecrate solids.
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- Blood receptacles do consecrate both solids and liquids.
- Vessels can only consecrate contents inside Temple.
- Can only consecrate when act done wilfully.
- Only consecrate when they are full.