

## Sedei Achuzah

### Ref: Sefer Haflaah, Hilchot Arachin, Chapter 4

#### SEDEI ACHUZAH

There is a fixed *erech* as prescribed by Torah.

**50 shekel** for each area which can contain *a chomer* of barley for **49 years (jubilee)**. [Jubilee year – 50<sup>th</sup> – not counted] (Regardless of the quality of land)

Therefore, *erech* for **1 year = 1 sela + 1 pundion** as follows:

The *Rabanim* upgraded the value of the Holy *shekel* of Torah to equal 1 sela.

#### 1 SELA



1 *Shekel* = 1 *sela* (the *shekel* of Torah = 320 barely corn of silver. The *Rabanim* upgraded it to 384 barely corn of silver. Similarly with *gerah* of Torah to *maah*.)

**1 Gerah = 1 maah**

**1 Sela = 4 dinar**

**1 Dinar = 6 maah**

**1 Maah = 2 pundionim**

Therefore **1 Sela = 48 pundionim**

The money changer took 1 *pundion* to exchange a *sela*.

Therefore **1 sela cost 49 pundionim**.

Therefore 50 *shekel* over 49 years = 1 *shekel* + 1 *pundion* per year.

#### CHOMER

**1 Chomer = 1 kor**

**1 kor = 2 letachim**

**1 Letach = 15 seah**

Therefore **1 Chomer = 30 seah**

Therefore, area of a *Bet Kor (chomer)* is + 30 x the area of a *Bet Seah*.

A *Bet Seah* is 50 x 50 cubits = 2500 sq. cubits

A *Bet Kor (Chomer)* = + 75000 sq. cubits

#### Factors

- Applies only in *Eretz Yisrael*
- After consecration of field to Temple, the person who redeems it, must pay to Temple, the number of years remaining to *yovel* x 1 *sela* plus 1 *pundion* / *bet chomer*.
- When calculating number of years left to the *yovel* i.e. *erech* of property at that time, the *yovel* year is not counted.
- If it is the owner who consecrates and redeems, then he must add  $\frac{1}{5}$  to the *erech* i.e. principle +  $\frac{1}{4}$  of principle.
- There must be at least 2 years remaining before *yovel*.
- Months are not counted – only years (i.e. 1 year plus + few months is calculated as 2 years).
- If not redeemed when *yovel* arrives, land passes to Priests.

- Priests and *Leviim* who consecrate, can redeem their field even after jubilee, forever.
- When field measured, it includes only those parts which are fit to be sown (i.e. not high stones or deep pits).
- Funds used for improvements to Temple.

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- Worth of field is *calculated*.
- Number of years to jubilee again used in calculation.
- Owner who consecrates and redeems does not need to add  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

This is because owner here has only temporary ownership until *yovel*. The land returns to its permanent owner.

For same reason, property cannot be expropriated by Priests if not redeemed before *yovel*.

- Funds also used for improvements to the Temple.
- Sale announced for **60** days to assess value.