

Yeshivas Lubavitch of Myrtle Beach
Gemara (Iyun) Sheet 10

Name: _____

I. The Northern Border of Israel - The City of Akko

A. Fill-In-The-Blanks

1. We learned in our Mishna "Rabbi Yehuda says: 'From Akko northwards is חוץ לארץ and Akko is considered like חוץ לארץ'. Rabbi Meir argues and says: 'Akko is considered like Eretz Yisroel when referring to Gittin'." This implies that Akko is the northern border line of Israel!
2. The Gemara asks a question: We learned in a תוספתא 'Someone who walks from עכו to _____ (The city is to the northeast of עכו), the area to the right (eastwards) is considered _____, (because of טומאת ארץ העמים. Explain that טומאה: _____) and it is פטור from _____ until someone who is knowledgeable in borders will tell you that it is חייב. But the area to the left (westwards) is considered like _____, and it is חייב in _____ until someone who is knowledgeable in borders will tell you that it is פטור. רבי ישמעאל ברבי יוסי says in the name of _____ that the area of ארץ ישראל continues until _____ and not until _____'.
3. This תוספתא proves to us that _____. This doesn't sit well with our Mishna which says that Akko is the northernmost part of Israel!
4. רבי אבהו answers: Even though Akko is the northernmost part of Israel, there is a _____ and _____ that's how our Mishna fits with the תוספתא.
5. The Gemara asks a question: 'How could the תנא of the תוספתא use _____ as a landmark to decide the borders of Israel?' The Gemara answers: 'It had been done before! The Torah uses a _____ as a proof, like it says in שופטים 'There is a holiday to G-d in Shiloh, it is to the _____ of בית א-ל, to the _____ of the trail which goes up from בית א-ל to _____, south of _____'.

B. Draw the Northern-Border Line:

6. Here are three maps of the upper portion of Israel. Please mark a line denoting the northern border. The map is marked with the cities of עכו & כזיב:

According to the Mishna	According to the בריתא of the חז"ל אמוראים	According to the answer of אביו
		

C. Rashi Questions:

7. What is the walking distance from כזיב to עכו? _____.
8. How can you find out if a specific twisty place along the road from עכו to כזיב is considered ארץ ישראל or חוץ לארץ? _____.
9. What does Tosfos teach us? _____.