

The Mishna Brurah 486:1 brings a מחלוקת as to what is the Shiur of a כזית. Is it equal to the volume of a half an egg (תוספות) or a third of an egg (רמב"ם). The Mishna Brurah says that for מצוות דאורייתא you should eat Matzo equal in volume to half an egg, but for מצוות דרבנן if it is difficult to eat the volume of a half an egg, you may eat the volume of a third of an egg.

There is another מחלוקת, over whether the size of an egg has changed over the years. The opinion of the נודע ביהודה and the סופר חתם is that the eggs we have today are half the size of the eggs at the time of the גמרא and therefore one should eat the volume of a whole egg according to Tosfos and  $2/3^{\text{rd}}$  of an egg according to the Rambam. Other Poskim disagree and hold that the eggs we have today are the same size as the eggs at the time of the Gemoro.

#### מצוות דאורייתא

The Mishna Brurah says that for מצוות דאורייתא (אכילת מצה) one should be מחמיר and if possible eat the volume of a whole egg.

According to רב חיים נאה the Shiur of a כזית for מצוות דאורייתא is **1 Fluid ounce (volume)**.

According to the איש חזון the Shiur of a כזית for מצוות דאורייתא is **1-2/3 fluid ounces (volume)**.

(Rabbi S.Z. Auerbach zt"l says that the Minhag in Yerusholayim was like רב חיים נאה).

For the elderly or the sick and for children, who are not able to eat so much, it is ok for them to eat the volume of a  $1/3$  of an egg, which is **2/3 of an ounce (volume)** according to רב, חזון איש and **1-1/9 fluid ounces** according to רב חיים נאה.

#### מצוות דרבנן

For מצוות דרבנן (מרור, כורך) one should preferably eat the volume of half an egg or at least the size of  $1/3$  of an egg.

מרן הגר"י קניבסקי זצ"ל בקונטרס איתת צדק ס"ק כ"ד כתב וז"ל כזית מצה עפ"י מדידת מרן הגאון שליט"א (דהיינו החזו"א) התברר כי בחצי מצה רגילה של מכונת (משינען מצה) יש כזית מצה ברווח. וכן שמעתי ממרן הגר"מ פיינשטיין זצ"ל שחצי מצה הוא בערך כזית וכן כתב הרה"ג מהרי"א הנקין זצ"ל שחצי מצה משינען די אף למחמירים שעינינו רואות שחצי מצה היא יותר מחצי ביצה. ובשערים המצוינים בהלכה כתב שמדד ומצא דשליש מצה בינוני עבודת יד הוא כזית. יש פוסקים שסוברים שנתקטנו הביצים ומ"מ בשיעור כזית אינם מחמירים כמו החזו"א. כוס שנתן הגר"א, שג"כ סובר נתקטנו הביצים, לתלמידו הגר"י שקאלאו לכבוד חתונתו היה מחזיק 120 גרם.

## Shiurim of Matzo and Moror

**Hand baked Matzos** have approximately 6-7 Matzos per pound.

Each Matzo is approximately 5 fluid ounces. For thinner Matzos adjust the amount of fluid ounces per Matzo.

**Machine Matzos** are approximately each 2 Fluid ounces.

### Hand Baked Matzos

**For Achilas Matzo and Afikomen (מצוות דאורייתא)**

**A healthy person** should preferably eat  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  of a Matzo or at least  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo.

**An elderly, or sick person and children** need only eat preferably  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo or at least  $1/7^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo

**For כורך (מצוות דרבנן)**

**A healthy person** should preferably eat  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo or at least  $1/7^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo.

**An elderly, or sick person and children** need only eat preferably  $1/7^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo

### Machine Matzos

**For Achilas Matzo and Afikomen (מצוות דאורייתא)**

**A healthy person** should preferably eat  $5/6^{\text{th}}$  of a Matzo or at least  $1/2$  of a Matzo.

**An elderly, or sick person and children** need only eat preferably  $1/2$  of a Matzo or at least  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  of a Matzo.

**For כורך (מצוות דרבנן)**

**A healthy person** should preferably eat  $1/2^{\text{rd}}$  of a Matzo or at least  $1/3$  of a Matzo.

**An elderly, or sick person and children** need only eat preferably  $1/3$  of a Matzo.

### For Moror

**Four Stalks of lettuce 4 inches long is an ample כדית, (a sick or elderly person 2 stalks).**

For כורך the minimum (if necessary) is 2 stalks four inches long.

**These שיעורים (amounts) should be eaten לכתחילה in two minutes, בדיעבד four minutes (and very בדיעבד nine minutes).**

### ד' כוסות of שיעור

The כוס (becher) should preferably hold **five fluid ounces**.

An elderly or sick person and children may use a כוס that holds **three ounces**.

You must drink most of the shiur and preferably most of the כוס.

It is preferable for men to use wine, you are יוצא with Grape juice. Women may use Grape juice לכתחילה.

If for health reasons it is difficult to drink undiluted wine or grape juice, a Shailo should be asked how much you can dilute it.