

”רבי יהודה אומר אף בית הקברות.”
תנא: מפני שיכול לחוץ, ולילך בשידה
תיבה ומגדל. קא סבר: אהל זרוק שמייה
אהל.

We learned in the mishna that **Rabbi Yehuda says: An *eiruv* may be established for a priest even in a cemetery**, an area which the priest may not enter by Torah law. **It was taught: This is permitted because the priest can interpose and walk between the graves inside a carriage, a crate, or a cupboard.** These containers do not contract impurity because of their large size, and anything found inside of them remains pure. From here we see that **he holds the following: A moving tent^N is called a tent**, and therefore the carriage, box, or cupboard are also considered tents. They shield a person carried in them from the impurity imparted by the graves in a cemetery.

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The Gemara notes that this matter is the subject of a **dispute between the following *tanna'im*, as it was taught in a *baraita*: With regard to one who enters the land of the nations, i.e., any territory outside Eretz Yisrael, not on foot, but in a carriage, a crate, or a cupboard,^H Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi renders him ritually impure. Rabbi Yosei, son of Rabbi Yehuda, renders him pure.**

במאי קמיפלגי? מר סבר: אהל זרוק –
לאו שמייה אהל, ומר סבר: אהל זרוק –
שמייה אהל.

The Gemara explains: **With regard to what do they disagree? One Sage, Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi, holds that a moving tent is not called a tent.** The principle is that only something fixed can shield against ritual impurity, but if one is situated inside a portable vessel, the vessel contracts impurity and he becomes impure along with it. **And the other Sage, Rabbi Yosei, son of Rabbi Yehuda, holds that a moving tent is called a tent**, and it shields the person inside from contracting ritual impurity.

והא דתנאי, רבי יהודה אומר:

And with regard to that which was taught in a *baraita*: Rabbi Yehuda says:

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Moving tent – אהל זרוק: Any wooden vessel with a volume larger than forty *se’a* does not contract ritual impurity. Instead, it acts as a barrier against impurity and has the status of a tent. Therefore, if a corpse is located within it, anything situated underneath it contracts ritual impurity. In this context, the dispute is whether or not a portable item can be considered a tent (*Tosafot*).

HALAKHA

One who enters the land of the nations in a carriage, a crate, or a cupboard – הנכנס לארץ העמים: One who enters a country outside of Eretz Yisrael in a carriage, crate, or cupboard is ritually impure. A moving tent is not called a tent, since the *halakha* is ruled in accordance with the opinion of Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi when he disagrees with his colleagues (Rambam *Sefer Tahara, Hilkhot Tumat Met* 11:5).

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מערבין לכהן טהור בתרומה טהורה
בקבר. היכי אייל – בשידה תיבה
ומגדל.

One may establish an *eiruv* for a priest who is ritually pure with *teruma* that is ritually pure and resting on a grave, even though the location is impure and he cannot reach it. **How does he go there? In a carriage, crate, or cupboard**, which shield him from the ritual impurity.

והא כיון דאחתיא איטמא לה! בשלא
הוכשרה, או שנילושה במי פירות.

The Gemara asks: **Isn't it true that once the *eiruv* was placed directly on the grave, the *teruma* became defiled**, and ritually impure *teruma* is not fit to be eaten by anyone? The Gemara answers: We are dealing here with a case **where the *teruma* had not yet been rendered susceptible to ritual impurity,^N as it had not yet come into contact with a liquid.** Produce that has yet to come into contact with a liquid does not contract impurity. **Or we are dealing with bread that was kneaded with fruit juice**, which is not one of the seven liquids that render a food susceptible to ritual impurity.

והיכי מיייתי לה? בפשוטי בלי עץ דלא
מקבלי טומאה.

The Gemara now asks: **How can he bring it from where it is resting on the grave in order to eat it?** The Gemara answers: **With flat wooden utensils that are not shaped as receptacles and therefore do not contract ritual impurity.**

והא קא מאהיל! דמיייתי לה אחוריה.

The Gemara asks: **Doesn't the utensil cover the grave?** The Sages decreed that anyone who holds a utensil that is a handbreadth wide over a corpse or grave is ritually impure. The Gemara answers: **He may bring it on the edge^N of the utensil while holding the utensil sideways so that it does not form a cover that is a handbreadth wide over the grave.**

אי הכי מאי טעמא דרבנן? קסבר:
אסור לקנות בית באיסורי הנאה.

The Gemara asks: **If that is so**, and there is a way for the *teruma* to remain ritually pure and for the priest to access it, **what is the reason** the Sages disagreed with Rabbi Yehuda and did not allow an *eiruv* to be established for a priest on a grave? The Gemara answers: **They hold that it is prohibited to acquire a home with items from which benefit is prohibited.** It is prohibited to derive benefit from a grave. Since one acquires a place of residence for Shabbat by means of the *eiruv*, it would be as if the priest acquired a home for himself with something from which he may not derive benefit.

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Had not yet been rendered susceptible to ritual impurity – בשלא הוכשרה: The Torah states: “Of all food that may be eaten, that upon which water comes, shall be unclean” (Leviticus 11:34). Food that has not yet come into contact with water is not susceptible to ritual impurity. Therefore, even if it comes into contact with something that is ritually impure at any level of ritual impurity, the food itself does not become impure. The Sages had a tradition that the word water stated in the Torah in this context includes other liquids as well: Dew, wine, oil, blood, honey, and milk. Contact with any one of these liquids causes food to become susceptible to ritual impurity. However, dough kneaded with the juice of fruits other than olives or grapes does not become susceptible to ritual impurity.

He may bring it on the edge – דמיייתי לה אחוריה: The Jerusalem Talmud explains that in this case one creates a hole in a carriage, crate, or cupboard and brings the *teruma* inside by means of thin wooden chips or poles. A wooden utensil that is less than a handbreadth wide does not contract impurity inside a tent. In addition, a wooden utensil that cannot serve as a receptacle does not contract impurity, even through contact with a ritually impure object.

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Mitzvot were not given for benefit – מצוות לא ליהנות ניתנו – The accepted ruling is that the fulfillment of mitzvot cannot be seen as a source of benefit, as Rashi says: They were not given to the Jewish people for benefit; rather, they were given as a yoke on their necks. Consequently, the prohibition against benefiting from a particular object does not prevent it from being used in the fulfillment of a mitzva. It is in cases such as the one described here that there is cause for concern, because a separate benefit exists, namely the establishment of an *eiruv tehumin*, that is separate from the fulfillment of the mitzva which motivated him to establish the *eiruv*.

One may establish an *eiruv* for the sake of a mitzva – מערבין לדבר מצוה: The term mitzva here is not limited to mitzvot mentioned explicitly in the Torah. It includes any activity related to a mitzva, the public good, or saving a life or property.

Demai, isn't it unfit for him – דמאי הא לא חזי ליה – The commentaries explain (see *Tosafot*) that the Gemara is interpreting the mishna in accordance with all views, including that of Summakhos, since he does not disagree here. According to the opinion that one may establish an *eiruv* with something that is fit to be eaten by another person, it is acceptable to establish an *eiruv* with *demai*. Even though *demai* is unfit for the one establishing the *eiruv*, it is fit for someone else.

HALAKHA

An *eiruv* in a cemetery – עירוב בבית הקברות – An *eiruv* may not be placed in a cemetery, as it is prohibited to derive benefit from graves. Even though mitzvot were not given for benefit, the person making the *eiruv* intends for the food to remain at this location should he need it the next day; therefore, it is prohibited to leave it there. The *halakha* is in accordance with the opinion of the Rabbis as clarified by the Gemara (*Shulhan Arukh, Oraḥ Hayyim* 409:1).

One may establish an *eiruv* with *demai* – מערבין בדמאי – One is permitted to establish an *eiruv* with *demai*, since it is fit to be eaten by a poor person (Rambam *Sefer Zemanim, Hilkhot Eiruv* 1:15).

מכלל דרבני יהודה סבר: מותר?
קסבר: מצוות לא ליהנות ניתנו.

אלא הא דאמר רבא: מצוות לא ליהנות ניתנו. לימא כתיבאי אמרה לשמעתייה? אמר לך רבא: אי סבירא להו דאין מערבין אלא לדבר מצוה – דכולי עלמא מצוות לא ליהנות ניתנו. והכא בהא קמיפלגי. מר סבר: אין מערבין אלא לדבר מצוה, ומר סבר: מערבין אפילו לדבר הרשות.

אלא הא דאמר רב יוסף: אין מערבין אלא לדבר מצוה – לימא כתיבאי אמרה לשמעתייה?

אמר לך רב יוסף: דכולי עלמא אין מערבין אלא לדבר מצוה, ודכולי עלמא מצוות לא ליהנות ניתנו, ובהא קמיפלגי. מר סבר: כיון דקנה ליה עירוב – לא נחא ליה דמינטרא, ומר סבר: נחא ליה דמינטרא. דאי איצטרך אכיל ליה.

מתני' מערבין בדמאי, ובמעשר ראשון שנטלה תרומתו, ובמעשר שני והקדש שנטפו, והכהנים בחלה.

אבל לא בטבול, ולא במעשר ראשון שלא נטלה תרומתו, ולא במעשר שני והקדש שלא נטפו.

גמ' "דמאי", הא לא חזי ליה! מיגו דאי בעי מפקר להו לנכסיה והווי עני, וחזי ליה – השתא נמי חזי ליה. דתנן: מאכילין את העניים דמאי

The Gemara asks: If so, does this prove by inference that Rabbi Yehuda holds that it is permitted to acquire a home with items from which benefit is prohibited? The Gemara answers: Rabbi Yehuda holds that mitzvot were not given for benefit.^N The fulfillment of a mitzva is not in itself considered a benefit. Since the acquisition of a place of residence by means of an *eiruv* is a mitzva, as one may establish an *eiruv tehumin* only for the sake of a mitzva, it is even permitted to establish one's *eiruv* in a place from which it is prohibited to benefit.

The Gemara suggests: But if so, with regard to that which Rava said: Mitzvot were not given for benefit, let us say that he stated his *halakha* only in accordance with the opinion of one side in a dispute between *tanna'im*. The Gemara answers that Rava could have said to you: If they hold that one may establish an *eiruv* only for the sake of a mitzva, all would agree that the *eiruv* may be placed on a grave because mitzvot were not given for benefit. However, the dispute between Rabbi Yehuda and the Sages centers on a different aspect of the issue. Here, they disagree with regard to this: One Sage, Rabbi Yehuda, holds: One may establish an *eiruv* only for the sake of a mitzva.^N Since mitzvot do not constitute forbidden benefit, it is therefore permitted to make use of the grave. And one Sage, i.e., the Rabbis, holds: One may establish an *eiruv* even for a voluntary matter. Establishing a Shabbat residence on the site of a grave by means of an *eiruv* made for a voluntary matter is regarded as forbidden benefit, and therefore it is prohibited.

The Gemara suggests: But if so, with regard to that which Rav Yosef said as a general principle: One may establish an *eiruv* only for the sake of a mitzva, let us say that he stated his *halakha* in accordance with one side in a dispute between the *tanna'im*.

The Gemara answers: Rav Yosef could have said to you: In fact, all agree that one may establish an *eiruv* only for the sake of a mitzva, and all agree that mitzvot were not given for benefit, and they disagree with regard to this: One Sage, Rabbi Yehuda, holds: Once he acquired his Shabbat residence at twilight by means of the *eiruv*, he is indifferent to its safeguarding, as his main goal has already been achieved. He has no further need for the food used for the *eiruv*, and therefore, he receives no benefit from its placement on the grave. And one Sage, i.e., the Rabbis, holds: It is pleasing to him that the *eiruv* is safeguarded, for if he needs it the next day, he can eat it. According to this opinion, he would be making prohibited use of the grave to preserve his meal for the following day, and therefore the Sages prohibited placing an *eiruv* on a grave.^H

MISHNA One may establish an *eiruv* with *demai*,^H produce purchased from one who may not have separated the required tithes, and similarly, one may establish an *eiruv* with the first tithe whose *teruma* has been taken in order to be given to a priest, and with the second tithe and consecrated articles that have been redeemed; and priests may establish an *eiruv* with *halla*, the portion of dough that must be given to a priest.

However, one may not establish an *eiruv* with *tevel*, produce from which the priestly dues [*teruma*] and other tithes have not been separated, nor with first tithe whose *teruma*, which must be given to a priest, has not been taken, nor with the second tithe or consecrated articles that have not been redeemed.

GEMARA The Gemara asks: How can one establish an *eiruv* with *demai*? Isn't it unfit for him?^N Since it is prohibited to eat *demai*, how can it be used as an *eiruv*? The Gemara answers: Since if he wants, he could declare his property ownerless, and he would be a poor person, and the *demai* would then be fit for him, as a poor person is permitted to eat *demai*, now too, even though he has not renounced ownership of his property, it is considered fit for him to use as an *eiruv*. As we learned in a mishna: One may feed the poor *demai*,

ואת אכסניא דמאי.

אמר רב הונא: תנא, בית שמאי אומרים: אין מאכילין את העניים דמאי, ובית הלל אומרים: מאכילין את העניים דמאי.

”ובמעשר ראשון שנטלה בו.” פשיטא! לא צריכא שהקדימו בשבילין, ונטלה ממנו תרומת מעשר ולא נטלה ממנו תרומה גדולה.

וכדרבי אבהו אמר ריש לקיש, דאמר רבי אבהו אמר ריש לקיש: מעשר ראשון שהקדימו בשבילין – פטור מתרומה גדולה. שגאמר: ”והרמות ממנו תרומת ה' מעשר מן המעשר.” מעשר מן המעשר אמרתי לך, ולא תרומה גדולה ותרומת מעשר מן המעשר!

אמר ליה רב פפא לאביי: אי הכי אפילו הקדימו בכרי נמי! אמר ליה: עליך אמר קרא: ”מכל מעשרותיכם תרימו את כל תרומת ה'.”

ומה ראית? האי אידגן, והאי – לא אידגן.

”ובמעשר שני והקדש שגפדו.” פשיטא! לא צריכא. שנתן את הקרן ולא נתן את החומש. וקא משמע לן: דאין החומש מעכב.

and one may also feed soldiers *demai*.

Rav Huna said: It was taught that Beit Shammai say: One may not feed the impoverished *demai*. And Beit Hillel say: One may feed the impoverished *demai*. The *halakha* is in accordance with the opinion of Beit Hillel.

We learned in the mishna: One may establish an *eiruv* with first tithe whose *teruma* has been taken. The Gemara expresses surprise: It is obvious that if the *teruma* was already taken there is no problem. Why is it necessary to state it may be used for an *eiruv*? The Gemara answers: It is only necessary to teach this *halakha* in a case where the Levite preceded the priest while the grain was still on the stalks, i.e., the Levite took his tithe before the grain was threshed and before the priest took the *teruma*; and the *teruma* of the tithes was taken from it but *teruma gedola* was not taken from it. Therefore, since the *teruma* is generally separated first, a portion of the first tithe that the Levite took should have been separated as *teruma*.

And this is in accordance with the opinion that Rabbi Abbahu said that Reish Lakish said, as Rabbi Abbahu said that Reish Lakish said: First tithe, in a case where the Levite preceded the priest while the grain was still on the stalks,¹¹ is exempt from *teruma gedola*, as it is stated: “And you shall set apart from it a gift for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe” (Numbers 18:26), from which the following inference is made: A tenth part of the tithe, i.e., the *teruma* of the tithe, I told you, the Levite, to separate. And I did not tell you to separate *teruma gedola* and the *teruma* of the tithe.

With regard to this matter, Rav Pappa said to Abaye: If so, even if the Levite preceded the priest after the kernels of grain were removed from the stalks and placed in a pile, the Levite should still not have to separate *teruma gedola*. Abaye said to him: With regard to your claim, the verse states: “From all that is given to you, you shall set apart that which is the Lord's *teruma*” (Numbers 18:29). The inclusive phrase “from all” indicates that *teruma gedola* must be separated even from the first tithe in the case where the Levite precedes the priest after the grain has been collected in a pile.

Rav Pappa asks: And what did you see that led you to expound one verse as exempting the Levite from separating *teruma gedola* from first tithe that has been separated while the grain was on the stalks, and to expound another verse as requiring *teruma gedola* to be separated when the Levite took his first tithe after the grain was collected in a pile? Abaye answers: This produce, which has been threshed and placed into piles, is completely processed and has become grain,¹² and that produce, which remained on the stalks, did not yet become grain. The wording of the biblical verses indicates that the requirement to separate *teruma* applies only to grain, whereas the produce is not considered grain until it has been threshed.

The mishna also stated that one may establish an *eiruv* with the second tithe and consecrated food that have been redeemed. The Gemara asks: It is obvious that these foods may be used to establish an *eiruv*. The Gemara answers: This ruling was only needed for a case where one redeemed the second tithe or consecrated food and paid the principle but did not pay the additional fifth of their value, which must be paid when they are redeemed. And the mishna teaches us that the failure to pay the additional fifth does not invalidate the redemption. Once the principle is paid, even if payment of the additional fifth is still outstanding, the article is regarded as redeemed and may be used for mundane purposes.

HALAKHA

The Levite preceded the priest while the grain was still on the stalks, etc. – הקדימו בשבילין וכו' – If a Levite came and took the first tithe before a priest received the *teruma*, while the produce was still on the stalks, the produce the Levite receives is exempt from *teruma*. However, if the produce was already threshed and in a pile, the Levite is obligated to separate *teruma* as well (Tur, Yoreh De'a 331).

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This has become grain – האי אידגן – The Torah states, “And this shall be the priest's due...the first of your grain, of your wine and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, shall you give to him” (Deuteronomy 18:3–4). These verses indicate that the priest's due, *teruma*, is only given from the produce once it reaches the stage at which it is called grain.

LANGUAGE

Unminted coin [asimon] – אַסימון: From the Greek word ἄσιμον, asimon, meaning a coin-like piece of metal that does not have an impression on it.

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He will give the money and it shall become his – וְנָתַן וְהָיָה הַכֶּסֶף וְיָקָם לוֹ: There is no such verse in the Bible. Apparently, the reference is to the following verse: "And if he that sanctified the field shall redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of your valuation to it, and it shall become his" (Leviticus 27:19). In their citation, the Sages shortened the verse and slightly adjusted its wording in order to emphasize its relevance to the current discussion.

Eiruv of Shabbat borders and eiruv of courtyards – עירובי שבת ותחומין: See Rashi and Tosafot, who explain the reason for the difference between the joining of Shabbat borders [eiruv tehumin] and the joining of courtyards [eiruv hatzeirot]. It is indicated in the Jerusalem Talmud that nowadays, when most homes in a city are already joined together through the merging of alleyways, the joining of courtyards serves merely as a way to increase brotherly affection among Jews. Consequently, we are not particular about the agent who collects the food for the eiruv.

Rabbeinu Yehonatan explains that, in establishing an eiruv hatzeirot, the minor need not say anything. However, when one establishes an eiruv tehumin, he must declare that a particular person designates this spot as his Shabbat residence; it is for this declaration, which is similar to an acquisition, that a minor is unfit. Some commentaries explain that with regard to eiruv hatzeirot, the intention of the person who sends the agent can transfer ownership of the food and thereby establish the eiruv. Therefore, there is no cause for concern if the agent is a minor. However, with regard to eiruv tehumin, where the intention of the person who sends the agent is ineffective, a minor may not serve as a messenger (Rashba).

HALAKHA

Agents who are not qualified to establish an eiruv – שליח שאינו ראוי לעירוב: If one sends his eiruv with a deaf-mute, an imbecile, a minor, anyone who denies the principle of eiruv, or a gentile (Rabbeinu Yeruham), the eiruv is invalid (Shulhan Arukh, Oraḥ Ḥayyim 409:8).

A minor with regard to eiruv hatzeirot – קטן בעירובי חצרות: Minors, slaves, and individuals who are not legally competent may collect food for an eiruv hatzeirot and establish the eiruv, thereby allowing people to carry in the courtyard (Tur, Oraḥ Ḥayyim 366:10).

”אָבֵל לֹא בְּטָבֵל”. פְּשִׁיטָא! לֹא צְרִיכָא. בְּטָבֵל טָבוּל מְדַרְבְּנָן, וְכַגּוּן שְׂרָעוּ בְּעַצְיָן שְׂאִינוּ נְקוּב.

The mishna further states: **But** one may not establish an eiruv with tevel, produce from which the priestly dues and other tithes have not been separated. The Gemara asks: This too is obvious, as it is prohibited to eat or derive any benefit from tevel. The Gemara answers: This ruling is only needed with regard to tevel that is considered tevel by rabbinic decree. What is included in this category? For example, if one planted seeds in an imperforated container, one is exempt by Torah law from separating teruma and tithes from the resulting produce because Torah law does not consider produce grown in such a container to have grown from the ground.

”וְלֹא בְּמַעֲשֵׂר רֵאשׁוֹן שְׂלֵא נִטְלָה תְרוּמָתוֹ”. פְּשִׁיטָא! לֹא צְרִיכָא. שְׂהֶקְדִּימוּ בְּכָרִי וְנִטְלָה מִמֶּנּוּ תְרוּמַת מַעֲשֵׂר וְלֹא נִטְלָה מִמֶּנּוּ תְרוּמָה גְדוּלָה.

The mishna stated that one may not establish an eiruv with first tithe whose teruma has not been taken. The Gemara asks: It is obvious, as such produce is tevel. The Gemara answers: This ruling is only needed for a case where the Levite preceded the priest and took first tithe from the pile, and only teruma of the tithe was taken from it, but teruma gedola was not taken from it, and the produce is therefore still tevel.

מַהוּ דְתִימָא בְּדַאמֵר לִיהַ רַב פָּפָא לְאַבְיִי, קָא מְשַׁמַּע לֵן בְּדִשְׁנֵי לִיהַ.

Lest you say the halakha in that case is as Rav Pappa said to Abaye, and the Levite is exempt from separating teruma gedola, and therefore the food may be used for an eiruv, the mishna teaches us as Abaye responded to Rav Pappa: If the Levite takes grain after it had been gathered in a pile, he must separate teruma gedola. Until he does so the produce may not be eaten.

”וְלֹא בְּמַעֲשֵׂר שְׁנֵי וְהִקְדֵּשׁ שְׂלֵא נִפְדּוּ”. פְּשִׁיטָא!

We also learned in the mishna that one may not establish an eiruv with the second tithe or consecrated food that have not been redeemed. The Gemara asks: It is obvious that these items may not be used.

לֹא צְרִיכָא, שְׁפָדְאָן וְלֹא פְדָאָן כְּהִלְכָתָן: מַעֲשֵׂר שְׁפָדְאָן עַל גַּב אַסְיָמוֹן, וְרַחֲמֵנָא אָמַר ”וְצִרְתָּ הַכֶּסֶף” – בְּסָף שְׂיִישׁ עָלָיו צִוְּרָה.

The Gemara answers: This ruling is only needed for a case where he redeemed them, but did not redeem them properly, e.g., in the case of second tithe that was redeemed with an unminted coin [asimon].¹ And the Torah says with regard to the redemption of the second tithe: **And bind up [vetzarta] the money in your hand** (Deuteronomy 14:25). This is expounded to mean that the second tithe may only be redeemed with money that has a form [tzura] engraved upon it; however, unminted coins are not considered money for the purpose of redeeming the second tithe.

הַקְדֵּשׁ – שְׁחִילְלוֹ עַל גַּב קִרְקַע, דְּרַחֲמֵנָא אָמַר: ”וְנָתַן הַכֶּסֶף יָקָם לוֹ”.

With regard to consecrated property, the reference is to a case where one redeemed it by exchanging it for land instead of money, as the Torah states: **“He will give the money and it shall become his.”**² Since the verse speaks of giving money, it may be inferred that consecrated property cannot be redeemed by giving the Temple treasury land of equivalent value.

מִתַּנִּי הַשּׁוֹלֵחַ עִירוּבוֹ בְּיַד חֵרֵשׁ שׁוֹטֵה וְקֵטָן, אִוּ בְּיַד מִי שְׂאִינוּ מוֹדָה בְּעִירוּבוֹ – אֵינּוּ עִירוּבוֹ. וְאִם אָמַר לְאַחַר לְקַבְּלוֹ מִמֶּנּוּ – הֲרֵי זֶה עִירוּבוֹ.

MISHNA If one sends his eiruv in the hands of a deaf-mute, an imbecile, or a minor, all of whom are regarded as legally incompetent, or in the hands of one who does not accept the principle of eiruv, it is not a valid eiruv.³ But if one told another person to receive it from him at a specific location and set it down in that spot, it is a valid eiruv. The critical point in the establishment of an eiruv is that it must be deposited in the proper location by a competent person; but it is immaterial how the eiruv arrives there.

גַּמִּי וְקָטָן לֹא! וְהָאָמַר רַב הוּנָא: קָטָן גּוֹבֵה אֶת הָעִירוּבוֹ! לֹא קִשְׁיָא: כָּאֵן – בְּעִירוּבֵי תַחֲוּמִין, כָּאֵן – בְּעִירוּבֵי חֲצֵירוֹת.

GEMARA The Gemara asks: Is a minor not fit to set down an eiruv? Didn't Rav Huna say: A minor may collect the food for an eiruv from the residents of a courtyard and establish an eiruv on their behalf even ab initio?⁴ The Gemara answers: This is not difficult, as here, where the mishna invalidates an eiruv placed by a minor, it is referring to an eiruv of Shabbat borders. These laws are relatively stringent, as they require that one establish a new place of residence, which a minor cannot do. There, where Rav Huna said that a minor may collect the food for an eiruv, he was referring to an eiruv of courtyards.⁵ This type of eiruv is more lenient and may be established even by a minor, as all that is necessary is to join together domains that already exist.

One who does not accept the principle of *eiruv* – **מי שאינו מודה בעירוב**: The reference is clearly not to a gentile, since a gentile is not fit to be an agent because of his dissimilarity to the one sending him. For this reason, the Gemara inquires as to the identity of the one who does not accept the principle of an *eiruv*. The example given is the Samaritan [*Kuti*]. Even though he accepts the Torah, since he does not agree with the concept of an *eiruv*. For this reason, he is unfit for this mission (Rav Ya'akov Emden). This rule was applicable even when *Kutim* were not regarded as gentiles for all purposes. The law of a *Kuti* applies equally to a Sadducee, who also does not accept the concept of *eiruv* (Ritva). With regard to the students of Beit Shammai, however, even though Hananya claims that they do not accept most of the laws of *eiruv*, if they accept upon themselves a mission of this kind, they will certainly fulfill it properly (*Beit Ya'akov*).

גַּתְנוּ לְקוֹף – **נתנו לקוף**: Some commentaries differentiate between two sets of circumstances: If one gave the *eiruv* to a trained monkey or elephant, there is certainly no agency, as they are not fit for such a role. However, if he placed it on their backs and observed that they placed the *eiruv* in a certain spot, and he said that he wishes to establish that location as his Shabbat residence, the *eiruv* is valid (Rashba).

HALAKHA

אָמַר – נִתְּנוּ לְקוֹף – שְׂטוֹת – **אמר – נתנו לקוף – שטות**: If one sends his *eiruv* with a person unfit for the task or even places it on an elephant or monkey, and he sees the *eiruv* arrive at its destination, and he had told another person to accept the food and to place it down as an *eiruv*, the *eiruv* is valid. There is a presumption that an agent fulfills his mission (*Shulhan Arukh, Orah Hayyim 409:8*).

HALAKHA

חֻזְקַת – שְׂטוֹת – **חזקת – שטות**: Although some authorities relied on the rule of the *ge'onim* that in matters of ritual law the *halakha* is in accordance with the opinions of Rav Sheshet rather than those of Rav Nahman, it appears that in this instance most authorities rule in accordance with the opinion of Rav Nahman. They maintain that in cases of Torah law we are not lenient; we do not rely on the basis of a presumption that an agent fulfills his mission (Rambam *Sefer Zera'im, Hilkhhot Terumot 4:6*).

”אוּ בִיד מִי שְׂאִינוּ מוֹדֵה בְּעִירוּב. מֵאֵן? אָמַר רַב חֲסֵדָא: בּוֹתְאִי.”

We learned in the mishna: **Or if one sends his *eiruv* in the hands of one who does not accept the principle of *eiruv*.**^N The Gemara asks: **Who is this?** Rav Hisda said: **A Samaritan [*Kuti*], who does not accept the laws of the Sages with regard to *eiruv*.**

”וְאִם אָמַר לְאַחַר לְקַבְּלוֹ הֵימְנוּ – הֲרֵי זֶה עִירוּב. וְלִיחֻשׁ דִּילְמָא לֹא מְמַטִּי לִיהָ? כְּדָאֲמַר רַב חֲסֵדָא: בְּעוֹמֵד וְרוֹאֵהוּ, הֲכָא נִמְי: בְּעוֹמֵד וְרוֹאֵהוּ.”

The mishna also states: **And if he told another person to receive the *eiruv* from him, it is a valid *eiruv*.** The Gemara challenges this statement: **Let us be concerned that perhaps the minor or other incompetent person will not bring the *eiruv* to the other person.** The Gemara responds: This may be answered as **Rav Hisda said with regard to a different statement, that it was referring to a case where he stands and watches him.**^H **Here, too,** the mishna is referring to a case where the person sending the *eiruv* stands and watches him from afar until the *eiruv* reaches the person designated to receive it.

וְלִיחֻשׁ דִּילְמָא לֹא שְׂקִיל מֵינְהָ! כְּדָאֲמַר רַב יְחִיאֵל: חֻזְקָה שְׂלִיחַ עוֹשֶׂה שְׂלִיחוֹתוֹ, הֲכָא נִמְי: חֻזְקָה שְׂלִיחַ עוֹשֶׂה שְׂלִיחוֹתוֹ.

The Gemara asks: **But nonetheless, let us be concerned that perhaps the other person will not take the *eiruv* from the deaf-mute, imbecile, or minor and deposit it in the designated place.** From a distance, one cannot see exactly what is happening. He only saw that the messenger arrived at his destination. The Gemara answers this question as follows: **Rav Yehiel said in a different context that there is a legal presumption that an agent fulfills his agency. Here, too, there is a legal presumption that the agent appointed to accept the *eiruv* fulfills his agency.**

וְהִיכָא אֵיתְמַר דְּרַב חֲסֵדָא וְרַב יְחִיאֵל? אֵהָא אֲתָמַר; דְּתַנָּא: נִתְּנוּ לְפִיל וְהוֹלִיכוּ, לְקוֹף וְהוֹלִיכוּ – אֵין זֶה עִירוּב. וְאִם אָמַר לְאַחַר לְקַבְּלוֹ הֵימְנוּ – הֲרֵי זֶה עִירוּב. וְדִילְמָא לֹא מְמַטִּי לִיהָ? אָמַר רַב חֲסֵדָא: בְּעוֹמֵד וְרוֹאֵהוּ. וְדִילְמָא לֹא מְקַבֵּל לִיהָ מֵינְהָ? אָמַר רַב יְחִיאֵל: חֻזְקָה, שְׂלִיחַ עוֹשֶׂה שְׂלִיחוֹתוֹ.

The Gemara asks: **Where were these principles of Rav Hisda and Rav Yehiel stated?** The Gemara answers: **They were stated with regard to the following, as it was taught in a *baraita*: If one gave the *eiruv* to a trained elephant, and it brought it to the place where he wanted the *eiruv* deposited, or if he gave it to a monkey,^N and it brought it to the proper location, it is not a valid *eiruv*.** **But if he told another person to receive it from the animal, it is a valid *eiruv*.** The Gemara asks: **But perhaps the animal will not bring the *eiruv* to the person appointed to receive it?** **Rav Hisda said:** The *baraita* is referring to a case where the person sending the *eiruv* stands and watches it from afar until it reaches the person designated to receive the *eiruv*. The Gemara asks further: **But perhaps the person appointed to receive the *eiruv* will not accept it from the elephant or monkey.** **Rav Yehiel said:** There is a legal presumption that an agent fulfills his agency.

אָמַר רַב נַחֲמָן: בְּשֵׁל תוֹרָה – אֵין חֻזְקָה שְׂלִיחַ עוֹשֶׂה שְׂלִיחוֹתוֹ,

Rav Nahman said: **With regard to Torah laws, we do not rely on the presumption that an agent fulfills his agency; rather, one must actually see the agent performing his mission.**

Perek III

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בְּשֵׁל סוֹפְרִים – חֻזְקָה, שְׂלִיחַ עוֹשֶׂה שְׂלִיחוֹתוֹ. וְרַב שֵׁשֶׁת אָמַר: אֲחָד זֶה וְאֲחָד זֶה – חֻזְקָה, שְׂלִיחַ עוֹשֶׂה שְׂלִיחוֹתוֹ.

However, with regard to rabbinic laws, we do rely on the presumption that an agent fulfills his agency.^H And Rav Sheshet disagreed and said: **With regard to both this, Torah law, and that, rabbinic law, we rely on the presumption that an agent fulfills his agency.**

אָמַר רַב שֵׁשֶׁת: מִנָּא אָמֵינָא לָהּ – דְּתַנָּן: מִשְׁקָרַב הָעוֹמֵר הוֹתֵר הַחֲדָשׁ מִיָּד.

Rav Sheshet said: **From where do I say this? As we learned in a mishna: Once the *omer* has been offered, the grain from the new crop is immediately permitted.**^N The Torah prohibits eating from the new crop of grain until the *omer* sacrifice is offered on the second day of Passover (Leviticus 23:14); once the *omer* is offered, it is immediately permitted to partake of the new grain.

NOTES

איסור – תּוֹרָה: The prohibition to eat from the new crop of grain – **תּוֹרָה**: The year's newly harvested grain may not be eaten until the *omer* offering is brought, as stated in the Torah: “And you shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until that very day, until you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your

dwelling” (Leviticus 23:14). During the Temple period, eating the new grain was dependent upon the offering alone, which typically took place early in the morning, on the first intermediate day of the festival of Passover. Outside of Jerusalem, everyone would rely on the presumption that by midday the *omer* sacrifice must have been offered.