#### NOTES

Bashel mevushal - בְּשֵׁלְתְבְשֶׁל : See Tosafot, who discuss this type of formulation. There is an opinion among the tannaim that no halakhot can be derived from extraneous language of this kind. This is considered merely the Torah speaking in the language of men, even if the Torah does not usually repeat a word in this manner. Nevertheless, according to the opinion that halakhot can indeed be learned from this wording, all possible meanings should be derived, including those that extend beyond the ordinary implication of the term.

וָהַאי ״בְּשֵׁל מְבָשָּׁל״ אֵפְּקֵיה רַבִּי לִצְלִי קַדֵר וַלשָּאַר מַשִּקִין! The Gemara asks: **But Rabbi** Yehuda HaNasi himself **derived** from the expression "bashel mevushal" the prohibition **against** roasting the meat of the Paschal lamb in a pot, i.e., cooking the meat in a pot without the addition of liquids, and the prohibition against boiling it with other liquids. How can he derive another halakha from this same phrase?

אָם כֵּן לֵימָא קְרָא אוֹ ״בָּשֵׁל בָּשֵל״ אוֹ ״מְבָשָׁל מְבָשָּׁל, מַאי בָּשֵל מְבָשָּׁל – שמעת מינה תרתי. The Gemara answers: If so, i.e., if this verse is referring only to the matter of cooking meat with other liquids or without any liquids, let the verse say either "bashel bashel" or "mevushal mevushal," and one halakha would be derived from the extraneous word. What is derived from the varied wording "bashel mevushal"? Learn from this verse two halakhot, one with regard to the manner of the cooking of the Paschal lamb, and the other concerning the time of its cooking.

ַרָנוּ רַבָּנַן: אָכַל צְלִי מִבְּעוֹד יוֹם – חַיִּיב, וְכַזַיִת נָא מִשֶּחְשֵיכָה – חַיִּיב. The Sages taught: If one ate from a roasted Paschal lamb when it was still day, he is liable to receive lashes, and likewise if one ate after dark an olive-bulk that was partially roasted, he is liable to receive lashes.

קָתָנֵי צָלִי דּוּמְיָא דְנָא, מַה נָּא בְּלָאו – אַף צַלִי בִּלָאו. This baraita taught that the case of roasted meat is similar to the case of partially roasted meat: Just as one who consumes partially roasted meat is in violation of a prohibition, so too, one who consumes this roasted meat while it is still day is in violation of a prohibition.

בְּשְלְמָא נָא – בְּתִיב: ״אֵל תּאַכְלוּ מָמֵנוּ נָא״ אֵלָא צֵלִי מִנֵּלַן? The Gemara asks: **Granted**, with regard to **partially roasted** meat, it is written: "You shall not eat it partially roasted" (Exodus 12:9). **However**, with regard to meat that has been **roasted**, **from where do we** derive that one who eats it before the proper time has committed a transgression?

דְּכְתִיב: ״וְאֶכְלוּ אֶת הַבְּשִּׁר בַּלַיְלָה הַזָּה״. בַּלַיְלָה – אִין, בַּיוֹם – לָא. The Gemara answers: As it is written: "And they shall eat the meat on that night, roasted with fire, and *matzot*; with bitter herbs they shall eat it" (Exodus 12:8). The Gemara derives from this verse: At night, yes, the Paschal lamb may be eaten; however, by day, no, it may not be eaten in any manner.

הַאי לָאו הַבָּא מִכְּלֶל עֲשֵׂה הוּא, וְכָל לָאו הַבָּא מִבְּלֵל עֲשֵׁה – עֲשֵׂה! The Gemara asks: This is a prohibition that comes by inference from a positive mitzva, i.e., it is not stated in the Torah in the form of a prohibition. There is a principle that every prohibition that comes by inference from a positive mitzva is classified as a positive mitzva. One who transgresses a mitzva of this kind is considered to have transgressed a positive mitzva, not a prohibition.

אמר רב חסדא: הא מני -

The Gemara answers that **Rav** Ḥisda said: In accordance with whose opinion is this *baraita*?

Perek II
Daf 42 Amud a

## HALAKHA

Unblemished animals for maintaining the Temple – הְּמִימִים ילְבֶּדֶק הְבֵּיִת יבִּית One may not consecrate an unblemished animal for its value to be used for maintaining the Temple, as animals of this kind may be consecrated only as offerings. One who consecrates an unblemished animal for maintaining the Temple transgresses a positive mitzva (Rambam Sefer Hafla'a, Hilkhot Arakhin VaḤaramim 5:6). רַבִּי יְהוּדָה הִיא, דְתַנְיֵא: ״שׁוֹר וָשֶׁה שָּׁרוּע וְקָלוּט נְדָבָה תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתוֹ״ – אוֹתוֹ אַתָּה מַתְפִּיס לְבֶדֶק הַבִּיִת, וְאִי אַתָּה מַתְפִּיס תְּמִימִים לְבֶדֶק הַבַּיִת. מַבָּאן אָמְרוּ: כָּל הַמַּתְפִּיס תְּמִימִים לבדק הבּית – עוֹבר בעשה. It is in accordance with the opinion of Rabbi Yehuda, as it was taught in a baraita: "Either a bull or a lamb that has anything too long or too short, you may offer it as a free-will offering [to the Temple treasury]; but for a vow [as a sacrifice] it shall not be accepted" (Leviticus 22:23). From here we learn that it, i.e., a blemished animal, you may consecrate for maintaining the Temple, but you may not consecrate unblemished animals for maintaining the Temple. In other words, any animal fit to be sacrificed as an offering may not be consecrated for maintaining the Temple but only as an offering. From here the Sages stated: Whoever consecrates unblemished animals for maintaining the Temple<sup>14</sup> transgresses a positive mitzva.

אֵין לִי אֶלֶא בַּעֲשֵׁה, בְּלֹא תַּעֲשֶׁה מִנֵּין – תַּלְמוּד לוֹמֵר: ״וְיַדֵבֵּר ה׳ אֶל משֶה לֵאמֹר״ – לִימֵד עַל כָּל הַפְּרָשָׁה כּוּלָה שֶיְהֵא בְּלֹא תַּעֲשֶׁה, דִּבְרֵי רַבִּי

From here I have only derived that he violates a positive mitzva; from where do I derive that he also transgresses a prohibition? The verse states at the beginning of that passage: "And the Lord spoke to Moses saying" (Leviticus 22:17). This introductory statement teaches with regard to the entire portion that a prohibition applies to it. This is the statement of Rabbi Yehuda.

אַמַר לוֹ רַבִּי לְבַר קַפַּרַא: מֵאי מֵשְׁמַע?

The *baraita* adds that **Rabbi** Yehuda HaNasi **said to Bar Kappara:** From where may it be inferred that this is the case? How does Rabbi Yehuda derive his statement that a prohibition applies to the entire portion from the phrase "And the Lord spoke to Moses saying"?

אָמֵר לוּ: דְּכְתִיב ״לֵאמֹר״ – ״לֹא״ נאמר בדברים.

He said to him: As it is written: "Saying [leimor]." Rabbi Yehuda expounds this term as though it read: Say no [lo emor]. In other words, the word no, an expression of prohibition, is stated<sup>N</sup> with regard to the subsequent matters, which means that these mitzvot are categorized as prohibitions.

בִּי רַב אַמָרִי: לֵאמֹר – לַאו אֱמור.

In **the school** of **Rav they say** a slightly different explanation: The term: Saying, can be expounded as if it were written *lav emor*, meaning: **Say a prohibition**. In other words, the verse indicates that Moses was instructed to inform the Jewish people of a prohibition. This teaches that any mitzva introduced by the word *leimor* should be treated as a prohibition. Since the *halakhot* of the Paschal lamb are preceded by the phrase: "And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron in the Land of Egypt saying" (Exodus 12:1), it can be inferred that the subsequent mitzvot are also prohibitions.

״מֵי תַשְּׁמִישׁוֹ שֶׁל נַחְתּוֹם וכו׳״. תְּנֵי חֲדָא: שּוֹפְכִין בִּמְקוֹם מִדְרוֹן, וְאֵין שוֹפְכִין בִּמְקוֹם הָאֶישְׁבּוֹרָן. וְתַנְיָא אִידְךָ: שׁוֹפְכִין בִּמְקוֹם הָאֶישְׁבּוֹרָן! We learned in the mishna: Water that has been used by a baker for cooling his hands or washing dishes must be poured out, as it contains a small, undefined quantity of leavened dough. It was taught in one baraita: One may pour out this water in a place with an incline, and he may not pour it out in a level place where the water collects. And it was taught in another baraita: One may even pour out this water in a level place where the water collects. H

ַלא קַשְׁיָא; הָא – דִּנְפִּישִׁי, דְּקָווּ. הָא – ילֵא נִפִישִׁי, דִּלָא קַווּ. The Gemara resolves this contradiction: This is **not difficult.** This baraita, which states that it is prohibited to pour out this water in a level place, is referring **to a large** amount of water **that will collect** in one place. Since there is a large amount of water, the flour in the water will not be absorbed into the ground but will leaven. Conversely, **that** baraita, which states that it is permitted to pour out the water in a level place, is referring to a situation **where** there was **not a large amount** of water, so that it **will not collect.** Instead, this water will be absorbed into the ground before the dough leavens.

אָמַר רַב יְהוּדָה: אִשָּׁה לֹא תָּלוּשׁ אֶלָּא בְּמַיִם שֶׁלָּנוּ.

Rav Yehuda said: A woman may knead *matza* dough only with water that rested, i.e., water that was left indoors overnight to cool. If water is added to dough immediately after it was drawn, when it is still lukewarm, the dough will leaven at a faster rate.

דְּרֶשָׁה רַב מַתָּנָה בְּפָפוּנְיָא. לְמָחָר אַיְיתוּ כּוּלֵי עָלְמָא חַצְבַיְיהוּ וַאֲתוּ לְנֵבֵיה, וַאֲמַרוּ לֵיה: חַב לָן מַיָּא! אֲמַר להו: אנא במיא דביתוּ אמרי. The Gemara relates: Rav Mattana taught this halakha in Paphunya. On the next day, the eve of Passover, everyone brought their jugs to him and said to him: Give us water. They misunderstood his expression mayim shelanu, water that rested, as the near homonym mayim shelanu, our water, i.e., water that belongs to the Sage, and they therefore came to take water from his house. He said to them: I say and meant: Water that rested [devitu] in the house overnight.

## HALAKH

Pouring out water used by a baker – שׁמִּכְת מֵּי (With regard to water used by a baker to wash his hands or his vessels, after the time that leaven is forbidden, it should be poured out onto a place with an incline so it will not gather together and become leavened. Although the Gemara cites a baraita that permits one to pour this water onto a flat area where it will be collected, it is proper to be stringent in this regard, as the Gemara does not provide the precise parameters of the necessary circumstances for this to be permitted (Me'iri; Shulhan Arukh, Oraḥ Ḥayyim 459:4).

pared with water that was left overnight, whether the water comes from cisterns, springs, or rivers (Rosh). The water should be drawn at twilight. It should be kept overnight in a house if it is warm outdoors, and it should be kept outside if it is cold, although in the latter case it should be brought into the house before sunrise. When the water is carried outside it must be covered. Since the drawing of water is part of the *matza*-baking process, it should be performed by a Jew. The water used for the *matza* that will be eaten on the first night of Passover should be drawn with specially designated vessels (*Shulḥan Arukh*, *Oraḥ Ḥayyim* 455:1).

Water that rested – מִים שׁלְנוּ: Matza for Passover must be pre- Ḥayyim 455:1).

#### NOTES

No is stated - בּאַנאָבּיל: Rabbeinu Ḥananel and other early commentaries cite a version of the text that reads: *Lo yumar*, it shall not be substituted. In other words, do not exchange, i.e., violate, these matters, and anyone who does so transgresses a prohibition.

No is stated with regard to the subsequent matters – ל'א נֵאְפֵר בּדְבָרִים See *Tosafot*, who explain that this derivation applies only to a prohibition that stems from a positive mitzva. However, Rabbeinu Ḥananel apparently maintains that if the first verse of a chapter includes the word: Saying, the violation of any of its positive mitzvot constitutes the transgression of a prohibition.

#### HALAKHA

May not knead in the sun - לֹא תְּלֹּוּשׁ בַּחְבֶּה lt is prohibited to knead the dough for *matza* in a place where the sun shines. On a cloudy day it is prohibited to knead this dough anywhere outdoors, based on the principle that the effect of the sun is widespread on a cloudy day. Likewise, one should not knead the dough for *matza* near a heated oven (*Shulḥan Arukh, Orah Hayyim* 459:1).

She may not remove her hand - לא תַגְבֶּיהָ יָדֶּה Dough that is being used in the preparation of *matza* should not be left idle even momentarily, for as long as it is being worked it will not become leavened (*Shulhan Arukh, Orah Hayyim 459:*2).

Vessels for kneading and mixing – בֵּלִים ְּלְלִּישָׁה וּלְקִיטוּף. A woman kneading dough for *matza* should not mix the dough with the same water she uses to cool her hands. Instead, she must prepare a different vessel for this purpose (Shulhan Arukh, Orah Hayyim 459:3).

She transgressed and kneaded dough improperly - עָבְּדֶּה f a woman prepared matza dough in the sun or neglected to cool her hands, this matza is permitted after the fact, in accordance with the opinion of Mar Zutra, provided that the dough was not actually heated by the sun, as stated by the Bah, Ḥavvot Ya'ir, and others (Shulḥan Arukh, Orah Hayyim 459:5).

#### NOTES

Water collected [hagerufin] in an urn heated by coals [mulyar] - בְּיִבּוֹיִלְיִיר Many early commentaries cite a version of the Gemara that omits the word mulyar, an urn heated by coals. They explain that this statement is referring to water that flows in rivers (Arukh; Rabbeinu Yehonatan; Rif; Nimmukei Yosef). This interpretation is based on the verse: "The brook Kishon swept them away [gerafam]" (Judges 5:21). Others suggest that this phrase is referring to water that moves a flour mill (Maharam Ḥalawa). According to this explanation, with regard to water from cisterns or wells, there is no need to keep it overnight before it can be used for matza, as it does not require cooling.

And she may not remove her hand – יְלֹא תַּנְבִּיהַ יָדָה : Some commentaries explain that this means she should not stop working with the dough until she has baked everything. Others say that she must constantly work with the dough until it is placed in the oven. Yet others maintain that she must be careful that the oven remains lit until the last matza has been baked (Ritva).

# LANGUAGE

An urn heated by coals [mulyar] - בּוּיְלְיֵּיִר From the Greek μιλιάριον, miliarion, or the Latin miliarium, a tall, pointed copper vessel containing pipes that heat the water inside.

דָרֵשׁ רָבָא: אָשָּׁה לֹא תְּלוּשׁ בַּחַמָּה, וְלֹא בְּחַמֵּי חַמָּה, וְלֹא בְּמִים הַגְּרוּפִין מִן הַמּוּלְיָיר, וְלֹא תַּגְבִיהַ יָדָה מִן הַתַּנוּר עַד שֶׁתִּגְמוֹר אֶת כָּל הַפַּת. (וְצָרִיךְ שְׁנֵי כֵלִים, אֶחָד שֶׁמְּקַטֶּפֶת בּוֹ ואחד שמצננת בוֹ את ידיה.

אִיבַּעֵיָא לְהוּ: עָבְרָה וְלָשָׁה מַהוּ? מָר זוּטְרָא אָמַר: מוּתָּר, רַב אַשִּי אָמַר: אסוּר.

אָמַר מָר זוּטְרָא: מְנָא אָמִינָא לָה – דְּתַנְיָא: אֵין לוֹתְתִין הַשְּׁעוֹרִין בַּפֶּסַח. וְאָם לָתַת, נִתְבַּקְעוּ – אֱסוּרִים, לֹא נָתָבַּקָעוּ – מוּתַּרִין.

וְרֵב אֵשִׁי אָמַר: אַפוּ כּוּלְהוּ חֲדָא מָחִיתָא מָחִיתִינְהוּ? הֵיכָא דְּאִיּתְמַר -אִיתְּמַר, וְהֵיכָא דְּלָא אִיתְּמַר - לָא אִיפִּמִר

הדרן עלך כל שעה

Rava taught: A woman may not knead dough for *matza* in the sun, H nor with water that has been heated by the sun, nor with water collected [hagerufin] in an urn heated by coals [mulyar]<sup>NL</sup> And in addition, she may not remove her hand<sup>HN</sup> from the oven, i.e., interrupt her baking, until she finishes forming all the loaves from the dough, so that it should not become leavened in the interim. And she requires two vessels, one in which she mixes the water into the dough and one in which she cools her hands so that the heat from her hands does not cause the dough to leaven.<sup>H</sup>

A dilemma was raised before the Sages: If she transgressed and kneaded the dough with warm water, what is the halakha? Mar Zutra said: It is permitted after the fact. Rav Ashi said: It is forbidden.

Mar Zutra said: From where do I say my opinion on this issue? As it was taught in a *baraita*: One may not soak barley on Passover, and if one soaked barley and it split, the barley is forbidden. If it did not split, the barley is permitted. This case indicates that even if one violates the principles established by the Sages with regard to adding water to flour on Passover, the product is forbidden only after the fact if it actually leavened.

And Rav Ashi said in response: Is that to say that all of them are woven in the same act of weaving? In other words, is the *halakha* identical in all cases? Where it was stated that the Sages did not punish the violator by rendering his food prohibited, it was stated; and where it was not stated that they refrained from punishing the violator, it was not stated. It is therefore possible that the Sages rendered dough kneaded with warm water forbidden, to punish the woman who prepared it in this manner.

מתני' ואלו עוברין בפסח: כותח הַבַּבְלֹי, וְשָׁכֵר הַמַּדִי, וְחוֹמֵץ הַאֲדוֹמִי, וָוִיתוֹם הַמִּצְרִי, וְזוֹמֵן שֵׁלֹ צַבַּעִים, ועמילן של טבחים, וקולן של סופרים. MISHNA And for possessing these one transgresses [overin] NH the prohibitions of: It shall not be seen, and: It shall not be found, on Passover, although not all of them are considered food: Baby**lonian** *kutah*, <sup>N</sup> a dip with a sharp flavor that contains flour; Median beer; Edomite vinegar; Egyptian zitom, a type of beer; dyers' broth [zoman]; bakers' well-worked dough; and bookmakers' [shel soferim] glue [kolan].

ַרַבִּי אֱלִיעֵוַר אוֹמֵר: אַף תַּכְשִׁיטֵי נַשִּׁים.

Rabbi Eliezer says: The same prohibition also applies to women's adornments, i.e., cosmetics, that contain leaven.

וֶה הַבְּלָל: כֹּל שֶׁהוּא מִמִּין דָּגָן – הֲרִי וֶה עובר בַּפַּסָח. הַרֵי אֵלוֹ בַאַוֹהַרָה, וְאֵין

This is the principle: If one possesses any substance that is derived from a type of grain that became leavened, although it is not actually bread, one transgresses the prohibitions of: It shall not be seen, and: It shall not be found, on Passover. These substances are included in the warning, H i.e., the biblical prohibition of possessing leaven, but there is no element of karet if one eats them.

תנו רבנן, שלשה דברים נאמרים 🔼 בכותח הבבלי: מטמטם את הלב, ומסמא את העינים, ומכחיש את GEMARA Since the mishna mentions kutah, the Gemara cites a baraita where kutah is discussed. The Sages taught that three things were said with regard to kutah: It blocks the heart, it blinds the eyes, and it weakens the body.

מטמטם את הלב – משום נסיובי דְּחַלְבַּא, וּמְסָמֵא אֶת הַעֵינֵים – מִשׁוּם מילחא, ומכחיש את הגוף – משום קומניתא דאומא.

The Gemara explains each statement: It blocks the heart due to the whey. Whey was added to kutah and was considered to be an inferior type of food. It blinds the eyes due to the salt in it, which can be dangerous if it enters the eyes. And it weakens the body due to the mold in the bread, as one of the ingredients of kutah was crumbs from dough that had become leavened to the point that they were nearly spoiled.

תנו רַבַּנו: שַלשַה דברים מַרבִּין הַזָּבַל, וְכוֹפָפָין אֵת הַקּוֹמָה וְנוֹטָלִין אֲחַד מחמש מאות ממאור עיניו של אדם. אַלוּ הָן: פַּת קיבַר, וִשְׁכַר חַדַשׁ, וְיַרַק After mentioning this baraita, the Gemara continues to discuss the nutritional effects of other foods. The Sages taught: Three things increase one's waste, lower one's stature, and take one five-hundredth of a person's vision if he eats them regularly. And they are: Bread from coarse flour, new beer, and raw vegetables.

תנו רַבַּנַן: שַׁלֹשֵׁה דְבַרִים מִמַעֵטִין אֵת הַוָבֶל, וַוּוֹקְפָין אֶת הַקּוֹמָה, וּמָאִירִין אֶת הָעֵינֵים. אֱלוּ הָן: פַּת נִקיַיה, בַּשַּׁר שָׁמֵן, וַיִין יַשַּׁן. פַת נִקיַיה – Similarly, the Sages taught in another baraita: Three things decrease one's waste, straighten one's stature, and improve one's vision, and they are: Bread from fine flour, fatty meat, and aged wine. The Gemara explains: Fine bread

#### NOTES

And for possessing these – יָּוֹאֱלוֹ: A different version of the Gemara does not include the connecting prefix vav, meaning: And. This omission indicates that there is no connection between this mishna and the previous one; conversely, those who accept the version with a vav maintain that there is a connection between the two mishnayot. The previous mishna explains that the water used by a baker may not be kept in one's possession on Passover, although it is not actually leavened bread. Similarly, this mishna discusses other items that are not in themselves leavened bread but contain only a small amount of leavened matter (Melekhet Shlomo).

Transgresses [overin] – עוֹבְרִין: There are different opinions with regard to the meaning of the word overin. Some explain that it is referring to the transgression of the prohibitions: It shall not be seen, and: It shall not be found (Rashi; ge'onim; Rav Yehuda ben Rav Binyamin HaRofeh; and others). Others maintain, based on the alternative translation of over as pass, that the word means that the items listed must be removed from the table since they contain leaven, and it is prohibited to eat them (Rabbeinu Hananel; Me'iri; Ritva). Yet others interpret this word to mean that these items must be removed from one's possession before Passover (Rabbi Zerahya HaLevi: Rabbeinu Gershom: Rabbeinu Yehonatan).

Kutah – הותח: Kutah was a typical Babylonian dip made from whey, salt, and bread that fermented to the point of moldiness. This dip was so sharp that it could be eaten only by the Babylonians, who were accustomed to eating it. In the Mishna, it is referred to as Babylonian kutaḥ.

#### HALAKHA

For possessing these one transgresses – אלו עובריו: If on Passover one possesses an item containing leaven mixed with other ingredients that is fit for consumption, he has transgressed the commandments of: It shall not be seen, and: It shall not be found. Any such items must be removed from one's possession before Passover (Shulḥan Arukh, Oraḥ Ḥayyim 442:1).

These are included in the warning – הֵרִי אֱלוֹּ בָּאֲוָהֵרָה: One who eats food containing a mixture of leaven on Passover is not liable to be punished with karet. If one eats an olive-bulk of the mixture in the time it takes to eat half a loaf of bread, then he is liable to receive lashes, in accordance with the mishna (Rambam Sefer Zemanim, Hilkhot Hametz UMatza 1:6).

## LANGUAGE

Zitom – יִּיתוֹם: From the Greek  $\zeta \tilde{v} \theta o \varsigma$ , zuthos, or Latin zythum, meaning beer made from barley, especially in Egypt.

Broth [zoman] – זוֹמֵן: From the Greek ζωμός, zomos, meaning broth

Glue [kolan] – קּוֹלֵלָן: From the Greek κό $\lambda \alpha$ , kolla, meaning glue, especially the glue used to bind books.

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דּסְמִידָא, בָּשָּׁר שָׁמֵן – דִּצְפִירְתָּא דְּלָא אָפָתַח, יַיִן יַשַׁן – עַתִּיק עַתִּיקִי. is made from refined flour; fatty meat refers to meat from a goat that has not yet given birth; N and aged wine refers to wine that has been aged significantly, for at least three years.

# NOTES

A goat that has not yet given birth – אָפָּרָתָא דָּלָא אָפָּתָם: Others explain that this phrase may also refer to young birds that have not yet laid eggs (Rabbeinu Ḥananel; Arukh).

#### BACKGROUND

Moist ginger – אַבְּילֶא רְטִיבֶּא: Ginger is obtained from the root of *Zingiber officinale*. Extracts of ginger are used in foods, condiments, baked confections, candies, beverages, cosmetics and perfumes. Overall, ginger products vary considerably in taste, pungency and smell, while the root varies in consistency, depending on the country of origin and the variety of the crop. Traditionally, the warming and aromatic properties of ginger have led to its use for numerous indications, including as an expectorant or to treat colds, often in teas or soups.



Ginger plant



Fresh ginger roots

# NOTES

This is called Edomite vinegar – קּוֹרִין אַוֹתוֹ חוֹמֵץ הָאֵדוֹמֵי As indicated in the blessings given to Jacob by Isaac (Genesis 27:40), the fact that these blessings are granted to the Jewish people, rather than the descendants of Esau, is dependent upon the merits of the Jews. While the Temple stood, the libations that were poured on the altar served as a source of blessing for the wine of Jews, assuring that it would not spoil. After the destruction of the Temple and the cessation of the libations, that blessing was transferred to the Edomites, who are descendants of Esau, as stated in tractate <code>Megilla</code> 6a (Maharsha).

# HALAKHA

One who produces temed - הַּמְרְבֵּנִה If one adds water to wine dregs and filters it, and he finds that there are four parts of liquid for every three parts with which he started, then he must assume that the additional portion is wine, and he is obligated to separate tithes from this mixture for the additional portion. If he finds less than four parts for every three parts he added, and certainly if he finds the same amount that he initially added, then he is not required to tithe the mixture. This ruling is in accordance with the opinion of the Rabbis who dispute Rabbi Yehuda's position, as Rabbi Yehuda is an individual Sage in dispute with many Sages, and the halakha accords with the majority opinion (Rambam Sefer Zera'im, Hilkhot Ma'aserot 2:7).

בֶּל מִיבֵּי דְּמְעֵלֵי לְחַאִי – קְשֶּה לְחַאי, וּדְקַשֶּה לְהַאִי – מְעַלֵּי לְהַאי, בַּר מִזּנְגְבִילָא רְטִיבָא, וּפִּילְפְּלֵי אֲרִיכָתָא, וּפַת נְקָיָיה, וּבָשָּׁר שָׁמֵן, וְיֵיוֹ יְשָׁן – וּפַת לְכוּלִי גּוּפִיה.

'שַּׁבָר הַפָּדִי" – דְּרָמוּ בֵּיה מֵי שַּׁעֲרִי.

״וְחוֹמֶץ הָאֲדוֹמִי״. דְשָׁדוֹ בֵּיה שַּׁעֲרֵי.

אָמֵר רַב נַחְמָן (בַּר יִצְחָק): בַּתְּחִלָּה, בְּשֶׁרָיוּ מְבִּיאין נְסָכִים מִיהוּדָה – לֹא הָיָה יֵינֶם שֶׁל יְהוּדָה מַחֲמִיץ עֵד שֶׁנוֹתְנִין לְתוֹכָן שְׁעוֹרִין, וְהָיוּ קוֹרִין שְׁנוֹתְנִין לְתוֹכָן שְׁעוֹרִין, וְהָיוּ קוֹרִין אוֹתוֹ חוֹמֵץ סָתַם. ––

וְעַכְשָׁיוֹ אֵין זֵינָם שֶׁל אֲדוֹמִיִּים מַחְמִיץ עַד שָּנוֹתְנִין לְתוֹכָן שְּעוֹרִין, וְקוֹרִין אוֹתוֹ חוֹמֶץ הָאֲדוֹמִי, לְקַיֵּים מַה שָּנָאֱמַר: "אִפְּיְלֹאָה הָחֲרְבָּה" אִם מְלֹאָה זוֹ – חֲרֵבָה זוֹ, וְאִם מְלֵאָה זוֹ – חֲרֵבָה זוֹ, וַב נַחְטָן בַּר יִצְחָק אָמֵר, מַהַכָּא: "זּלָאם מָלָאם יַאֵּמַץ."

תַּנְנֶא, אֶמֵר רַבִּי יְהוּדָה: בִּיהוּדָה, בַּרְאשׁוֹנָה, הַלּוֹקַח חוֹמֶץ מֵעֵם הָאֶרֶץ – אֵינוֹ צָרִיךְ לְעַשֵּׁר, מִפְּנֵי שֶׁחֲוֹקָה אֵינוֹ בָּא אֶלֶּא מִן הַתָּמֶר. וְעַרְשָּׁיו, הַלּוֹקַח חוֹמֶץ מֵעֵם הָאֶרֶץ – נְעַרְּלָעַשֵּׁר, שֶׁחֶוְקָתוֹ אֵינוֹ בָּא אֶלֶא מִן הַיִּיוֹ.

וְסָבַר רַבִּי יְהוּדָה תֶּמֶד לָאוֹ בַּר עַשׁוּרֵי הוּא? וְהָא (תְּנַן): הַמְתַּמֵּד וְנָתַן מַיִּם בַּמִּדָּה, וּמָצָא כְּדֵי מִדְּתוֹ – פְּטוּר, וְרַבִּי יהוּדה מחייב! The Gemara states a general principle: Any food or medical treatment that is effective in healing this sickness or this limb is deleterious for that one. And any food or treatment that is deleterious for this one is effective in healing that one, except for moist ginger, long peppers, and bread made of refined flour, and fatty meat, and aged wine, which are effective to heal all limbs of the body.

The Gemara returns to its discussion of the details mentioned in the mishna. Why is **Median beer** prohibited during Passover? It is because the Medians **place barley water into it.** 

And Edomite vinegar is prohibited because the Edomites place barley into it.

Rav Naḥman bar Yitzḥak said: Initially, when the Temple stood and they would bring wine libations from Judea, the wine would be blessed and would be preserved without any additives. The wine of Judea would not turn to vinegar unless they placed barley into it to achieve this effect. And they would call this vinegar to which barley had been added ordinary vinegar, since wine would not become vinegar without this additive.

And now, after the destruction of the Temple, Edomite wine does not turn to vinegar unless one places barley into it. This is called Edomite vinegar, N to fulfill that which is stated with regard to Tyre, and the same applies to other enemies of the Jewish people: "Because Tyre has said against Jerusalem: Aha, she is broken that was the gate of the peoples; she is turned unto me; I shall be filled with her that is laid waste" (Ezekiel 26:2). The Sages expound: If this one, Jerusalem, is full, then that one, her enemy, is laid waste; and if this enemy is full, then she, Jerusalem, is laid waste. Therefore, when the Jewish people fall, their enemies can achieve the success that was once attained by the Jews. Rav Nahman bar Yitzhak said: This notion can be derived from here, where the verse states regarding Esau and Jacob: "The one people shall be stronger than the other people" (Genesis 25:23), meaning that when one nation gains power, the other is weakened, because they cannot both be strong at the same time.

It was taught in a baraita that Rabbi Yehuda said: In Judea, initially, one who would purchase vinegar from an am ha'aretz, i.e., one who is not scrupulous in matters of ritual purity and tithes and is therefore suspect of not having tithed his fruit properly, would not need to tithe it due to the fact that it can be assumed that ordinary vinegar was made only from temed, a liquid produced from grape remnants. After filtering the wine from the stems, seeds, and skins, water was poured over these remnants. The liquid was then drained off and allowed to ferment until it became vinegar. This liquid was called temed, and it is not necessary to tithe it. Vinegar was produced in this way because the wine of that time was so strong that it did not turn to vinegar on its own. But now, one who purchases vinegar from an am ha'aretz must tithe it, as the wine nowadays turns to vinegar quickly, and the presumption is that vinegar comes only from wine.

The Gemara asks: But does Rabbi Yehuda hold that temed is not subject to tithing? Wasn't it taught in a mishna: With regard to one who produces temed<sup>H</sup> and adds a measured amount of water and afterward finds a corresponding amount of liquid to that which he measured, he is exempt from tithing this temed because it is clear that the grape produce added only flavor and did not add to the volume of the temed. And Rabbi Yehuda obligates one to tithe the temed even in that case. If this is so, how can Rabbi Yehuda permit a person to purchase temed from an am ha'aretz? According to his opinion in this baraita, temed must be tithed.

הַבִּי קאַמַר: לא נַחשָׁדוּ עַמֵּי הַאַרַץ עַל התמד. אי בעית אימא: נחשדו. ולא קשיא: הא – בדרווקא, הא – בדפורצני.

The Gemara answers: This is what Rabbi Yehuda is saying: One is required to tithe temed; however, amei ha'aretz are not suspected of failing to tithe temed. Because temed is so inexpensive, the assumption is that amei ha'aretz are not sparing with it and are willing to tithe it. If you wish, say instead that even if amei ha'aretz are suspected of failing to tithe temed, and this is not difficult for the following reason: This mishna is referring to a case where the temed was produced with dregs that contain some amount of wine, and therefore Rabbi Yehuda says that a person is required to tithe it. That baraita is referring to a case where the temed was produced with grape pits; because it is assumed that no wine is mixed into the temed, Rabbi Yehuda states that one is exempt from tithing it.

"וזיתום המצרי וכו". מאי זיתום המצרי?

It is stated in the mishna that Egyptian zitom is considered leavened food. The Gemara asks: What is Egyptian zitom?

תַנָא רַב יוֹכֵף: תִּלְתַא שַׂעֵרֵי, תִּלְתַא קוּרִטְמֵי,

Rav Yosef taught from a baraita: It is one-third barley, one-third safflower, and one-third salt.

רב פפא מפיק שערי וּמעייל חיטי, וסימניך

Rav Pappa removes barley from the list of ingredients and includes wheat; he maintains that Egyptian zitom was made with wheat rather than barley. The Gemara comments: Your mnemonic to remember which Sage expressed which version is the word sisanei, meaning a twig basket. Sisanei contains the letter samekh twice, which can help one remember that Rav Yosef, whose name contains a samekh, says that Egyptian zitom is made from se'orim, barley, a word that contains the letter sin, which makes the same sound as samekh.

תרו להו, וקלו להו, וטחני להו, ושתו להו מדיבחא ועד עצרתא. דקמיט – מרפי ליה, ודרפי – מקמיט ליה. לחולה ולאשה The Gemara describes how Egyptian zitom is prepared: Those who prepare it soak the ingredients together, and then they roast them and grind them together. They drink the mixture from Passover to *Shavuot.* This drink relaxes the bowels of one who is constipated, and it constipates one whose bowel movements are loose. However, it is dangerous for a sick person or a pregnant woman to drink this mixture.

It was taught in the mishna that **dyers' broth** is considered leavened. The Gemara explains: Here, in Babylonia, they interpreted that this is bran water [maya deḥivri] hat people use to dye leather.

"ועמילן של טבחים וכו" – פת תבואה שלא הביאה שליש, שמניחה על פי קדירה It was further stated in the mishna that bakers' well-worked dough is also considered leavened. The Gemara explains the nature of this substance: It is bread made from grain that was harvested before it was one-third ripe and then made into a loaf. This loaf was placed on top of a pot to draw out the filth from the broth.

"וְקוֹלֵן שֵׁל סוֹפָרִים וכו׳" הַכַא תַּרְגוּמַא:

It was further taught in the mishna that the kolan of soferim, bookmakers' glue, is considered leavened. The Gemara explains: Here, in Babylonia, they interpreted that this expression is referring to shoemakers' glue that is made from flour.

רב שִׁימִי מַחוֹזְנַאָה אַמַר: זֶה טִיפּוּלַן שֵׁל בנות עשירים שמשיירות אותו לבנות

Rav Shimi from Ḥozna'a said: This is the depilatory paste of the daughters of the wealthy, N of which they would leave a remnant for the daughters of the poor. It was the common practice for women to remove hair from different parts of their bodies by applying various pastes, some of which contained flour. The kolan of soferim mentioned in the mishna was such a substance. It was given this name because wealthy young women would give the paste [kolan to poor young women whose fathers were schoolteachers [soferim], so that the poor women could utilize it as well.

אַינִי?! וָהָא תַּנָא רַבִּי חָיַיא: אַרַבַּעַה מִינֵי מדינה, ושַׁלשַׁה מִינֵי אוּמַנוּת. וְאִי אַמְרַתְּ טִיפּוּלַן שֵׁל בְּנוֹת עֲשִׁירִים – מַאי מִינֵי אומנות איכא?

The Gemara asks: Is that so? But didn't Rabbi Ḥiyya teach a mnemonic by noting that the mishna lists four items that are used by the ordinary people of the state, i.e., kutah, beer, vinegar, and zitom, and three items of artisans, Ni.e., dyers' broth, bookmakers' glue, and bakers' well-worked dough? And if you say that bookmakers' glue is the depilatory paste of the daughters of the wealthy, then what artisanship is there in that? According to this interpretation, that substance does not belong on the list of artisans' items.

#### NOTES

Bran water [maya deḥivri] – מיא דחיורי: In the pres ent version of the Gemara, this phrase reads maya dehivri, which Rashi interprets to mean bran water. However, most early commentaries had a different version of the Gemara, which read maya dehizra, meaning water that is extracted from different types of plants. It seems that flour was added to this liquid to enhance the dve

The depilatory paste of the daughters of the wealthy – יָטִיפּוּלָן שֵל בְּנוֹת עֲשִירִים: According to the Ra'avad, the correct version of the Gemara should be: The sons of the wealthy would leave over these products for the sons of the poor. Otherwise, the mishna should have used the feminine form soferot rather than the masculine form soferim. See Tosafot, who point out that according to Ray Shimi's explanation, it is difficult to understand Rabbi Eliezer's statement at the end of the mishna, as the latter adds nothing novel

Some explain that in fact Rabbi Eliezer agrees with the first tanna, and he is merely adding that all types of cosmetics contain hardened leaven (Ra'avad). Others state that the first tanna prohibited cosmetics used by poor young women because their cosmetics contained a majority of flour and only a minority of other substances, while those of the wealthier women contained mostly other ingredients and only a small portion of flour (see Ba'al

Some say that the first tanna prohibits only hardened leaven itself, or a mixture containing true leaven, while Rabbi Fliezer prohibits a mixture containing hardened leaven as well (see Ba'al HaMaor; Rabbeinu Gershom). Others explain that according to Rav Shimi, the paste referred to here is specifically that which was left over for the poor young women, which became leavened in the meantime, whereas the wealthy women used their paste immediately. before it became leavened (Maharam Halawa).

Four items used by the ordinary people of the state – אַרְבָּעָה מִינֵי מְדִינָה: Some explain Rabbi Ḥiyya's statement to mean simply that each of the first four items on the list is associated with a medina, a state, as its country of origin is contained in its name: Baby-Ionian kutaḥ, Median beer, Edomite vinegar, and Fountian zitom. The other three items are associated with a specific artisan, namely dyers' broth, bakers' well-worked dough, and bookmakers' glue (Me'iri).

Three items of artisans – שִׁלשָׁה מִינֵי אוּמָנוּת: Rabbeinu Hananel's version of the Gemara reads: Three items of the state and four items of artisans. In his opinion, Egyptian zitom belongs in the latter category, as it was used primarily for medicinal purposes. and doctors are considered artisans.

וְאֶלָּא מֵאי – פַּרוּרָא דְּאוּשְׁבָפֵּי, אַמֵּאי קַרִי לֵיהּ הַאי קוֹלָן שֶׁל סוֹפְרִים? קוֹלָן שֶׁל בַּיְצְעָיִין מִיבְּעָיָא לֵיה! אָמַר רַב אוֹשַעִיָּא: לְעוֹלָם פֵּרוּרָא דְּאוּשְׁבָּפֵי, וּמַאי קָרֵי לֵיהּ לְעוֹלָם פֵּרוּרָא דְאוּשְׁבָּפֵי, וּמַאי קָרֵי לֵיהּ קוֹלָן שֶׁל סוֹפְרִים – דְּסוֹפְרִים נַמִי מְדַבְּקִין בּהוּ נִיירוֹתיהן.

The Gemara answers with another question: Rather what, will you say that this is referring to shoemakers' glue? If so, why did the authors of the mishna call it bookmakers' glue [kolan shel soferim]? It should have been called shoemakers' glue [kolan shel ratzanin]. Rav Oshaya said: Actually, one should explain that kolan is referring to shoemakers' glue; and why is it called bookmakers' glue? The reason is that bookmakers also use it to attach their pages. During the time of the mishna, this paste was referred to as bookmakers' glue.

״רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶיֶר אוֹמֵר אַף תַּכְשִׁיטֵי נָשִים וכו״. תַּכְשִיטֵי נָשִים סָלְקָא דַעֲתָךְ?! אֶלָּא אֵימָא: אַף טִיפּוּלֵי נָשִים, דְאָמֵר רַב יְהוּדָה אָמֵר רַב: דּוֹח ישראל

It is stated in the mishna: Rabbi Eliezer says that women's adornments are also prohibited as leavened food. The Gemara asks: Could it enter your mind to say that adornments made from silver, gold, or woven materials contain leaven? Rather, say instead that this means: Even women's cosmetics or other items used by women to enhance their skin are prohibited if they contain leavened ingredients. As Rav Yehuda said that Rav said: The Jewish women

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#### NOTES

Who reached physical maturity but had not reached the age of majority – ישָהְגִּיעוּ לְּמֵלֶן וְרֹאׁ הָגִּיעוּ לְּמֵלֶם: Some commentaries explain that this is referring to girls who have reached the age of majority but whose bodies do not yet show the signs of physical maturity. To expedite puberty, they would spread ointments on their skin to accelerate the growth of body hair (Arukh).

Olive oil from an olive that has not reached a third of its growth – שָּמֶן זֵית שֶּלֹא הֵבִיא שְּלִיש: Some commentaries explain that myrrh was added to the olive oil, and that it was this combination that was called myrrh oil (Rambam's Commentary on the Torah).

It removes [mashir] the hair - נְּשִּיר אֶת הָשִּיעָב : Some commentaries cite an alternative version of the text: It blackens [mashhir] the hair. According to this explanation, it was designed to beautify rather than to serve as a depilatory (Arukh).

Karet – ברת: A divine punishment for serious transgressions. The precise definition of the term is a matter of debate among the commentaries, with opinions including premature or sudden death, barrenness and the death of the sinner's children, and excision of the soul from the World-to-Come, Tractate Keritot mentions thirty-six transgressions punishable by karet, all of which are violations of prohibitions, with two exceptions: Neglecting to sacrifice the Paschal lamb and failure to perform circumcision. Karet applies only to a person who intentionally commits a transgression. In certain instances, if the transgression was committed in the presence of witnesses, the transgressor is subject to execution by an earthly court or to the penalty of lashes. Anyone who inadvertently transgresses one of the prohibitions punishable by karet must bring a sin-offering as atonement.

## LANGUAGE

Setaket – אַטְטָבְּי: From the Greek στακτή, staktè, meaning oil of myrrh.

Anpiknin – אֲנְפִּיקְנִין: From the Greek ὀμφάκιον, omfakiyon, meaning oil prepared from unripe olives.

שֶׁהִגִּיעוּ לְפִּרְקָן וְלֹא הִגִּיעוּ לְשָׁנִים, בְּנוֹת עֲנִיִּים טוֹפְלוֹת אוֹתָן בַּפִּיד, בְּנוֹת עֲשִׁירִים טוֹפְלוֹת אוֹתָן בַּפּוֹלֶת, בְּנוֹת מְלָכִים בְּשֶׁמֶן הַמּוֹר, שֶׁנֶאֱמַר: ״שִׁשָּׁה חֲדָשִׁים בְּשֶׁמֶן המוֹר״.

מַאי שֶׁמֶן הַמּוֹר? רַב הוּנָא בַּר יִרְמְיָה אוֹמֵר: סְטַבְּת, רַב יִרְמְיָה בַּר אַבָּא אָמַר: שֶׁמֶן זַיִּת שֵׁלֹא הֵבִיא שִׁלִּישׁ.

תַּנְצָא, רַבִּי יְהוּדָה אוֹמֵר: אָנְפִּיקְנִין – שֶׁמָן זַיִּת שֶׁלֹא הַבִּיא שְׁלִיש. וְלָמָה סָכִין אוֹתוֹ – מִפְּנֵי שָׁמַשִּיר אֶת הַשֵּׁיעֶר וּמְעַדֵּן אֶת הַבָּשֶׁר.

״זֶה הַבְּלֶל כֹּל שֶׁהוּא מִמִּין דָּגָן״. תַּנְיָא, אָמַר רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ: וְכִי מֵאַחַר שֶׁשָׁנִינוּ כֹּל שֶׁהוּא מִין דָּגָן הֲרֵי זֶה עוֹבֵר בַּפֶּסַח – לְמָה מָנוּ חֲכָמִים אֶת אֵלוּ – בְּדֵי שֶׁיְהֵא רָגִיל בְּהֶן וּבְשִׁמוֹתִיהָן.

כִּי הָא, דְהַהוּא בֵּר מַעַרְבָּא אִיקְלַע לְבָבֶל, הָוָה בִּישְׂרָא בַּהֲדִיה. אֲמֵר לְהוּ: קְרִיבוּ לִי מִתְּכִילְתָּא. שָׁמֵע דְּקָאָמְרִי: קְרִיבוּ לֵיה כּוּתָח. בֵּיוָן דְּשָׁמֵע כּוּתָח – בַּירַשׁ. who reached physical maturity, but had not yet reached the age of majority, and women who sought to remove hair for cosmetic purposes. They would smear daughters of the poor with lime; they would smear daughters of the wealthy with fine flour; they would smear daughters of kings with shemen hamor, as it was stated: "For so were the days of their anointing filled, six months with shemen hamor" (Esther 2:12).

The Gemara asks: What is shemen hamor? Rav Huna bar Ḥiyya said: Setaket. Rav Yirmeya bar Abba said: It is olive oil extracted from an olive that has not yet reached a third of its growth; he acidic oil is effective as a depilatory.

It was taught in a *baraita*: Rabbi Yehuda says that *anpiknin*<sup>1</sup> is olive oil from an olive that has not reached a third of its growth. And why is it spread on the body? It is due to the fact that it removes [*mashir*] the hair<sup>N</sup> and pampers the skin.

The mishna states: This is the principle: One violates these prohibitions on Passover with anything that is prepared from a type of grain. It was taught in a baraita that Rabbi Yehoshua said: Now that we learned that by possessing anything that is a type of grain one violates the prohibition against leaven during Passover, why did the Sages list these items individually? They could have simply stated the principle. The baraita explains that the Sages provided a list of prohibited foods so that one would become familiar with these items and with their names, so that it would become widely known that these foods contain a small quantity of grain.

The Gemara cites an incident that underscores the significance of familiarity with the names of foods: As in this case of that man from the West, Eretz Yisrael, who visited Babylonia, and had meat with him, he said to his hosts: Bring me a dip with which to eat my bread. He heard them saying: Bring him kutaḥ. Since he heard the word kutaḥ, he stopped eating, as he knew that kutaḥ contains milk and may not be eaten with meat. This incident underscores that it is advantageous for one to familiarize himself with the names and ingredients of different foods, so that he will be aware of the nature of the food even if he does not recognize it.

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It is stated in the mishna: These substances are included in the **prohibition** but are not punishable by *karet*.<sup>N</sup>