

## 2.9.3

84b (משנה ב) → 86a (להתיר ראש תור היוצא הימנה)

1. כי בארץ תוציא צמחה וכגנה זרועיה תצמיח כן אדני ה' יצמיח צדקה ותהלה נגד כל הגוים: ישעיהו סא, יא
2. לא תסיג גבול ארץ ארץ גבולו ראשונים בנחלתך אשר תנחל בארץ אשר יקוק אליהך נתן לך לרשתה: דברים יט, יד
3. אלה בני שעיר החרי אשר ישוב לטון ושובל וצבעון ועננה: בראשית לו, כ
4. כי הארץ אשר אתה בא שמה לרשתה לא בארץ מצרים הוא אשר יצאתם משם אשר תזרע את זרעך והשקית ברנך כגון הירק: דברים יא, י

- I. טפחים 2b: maximum amount of different seeds that can be planted in a single vegetable bed of 6x6
- a. *Maximum*: 5 – 1 on each corner and one in the middle, per זרועיה (v. 1)
- b. *Explanation* (ר"ב יהודה): 1 + תוציא; 1 + צמחה; 2 + זרועיה; 1 + תצמיח = 5
- i. *And*: חכמים held that 5 different seeds within 6 טפחים don't nurture from each other's earth
1. *Question*: how do we know that חכמים' "tradition" about nurturing is reliable?
2. *Answer* (ר' יוחנן): v. 2 – the early ones knew about land and we should not violate that
- a. *Early ones*: refers to v. 3, who knew the land and understood where to plant which plant
- i. *Called*: "חורי" as they would smell the land and decide what to plant
1. *אחא בר יעקב*: they became nobles ("בני חורין") as a result of their talent with the land
- ii. *Called*: "חוי" as they would lick the dirt like a snake (חויא)
- II. Various details about the ערוגה (vegetable bed) vis-à-vis כלאים
- a. *דב אסי*: the 6 טפחים do not include the border (support from ברייתא)
- i. *Size of border*: רבי יהודה – width of a foot
1. *Source* (ר' זירא): v. 4 – just as a foot is a טפח wide, similarly a boundary is a טפח wide
- b. *דב*: our משנה is only referring to a case of an isolated bed in an otherwise fallow area
- i. (*but*: if there are other beds adjacent, cannot plant as much, as the neighboring seeds mix)
- ii. *Challenge*: if so, why limit to 5? Could also plant on מקום קרנות (between the corners)
1. *Answer*: in this case, he filled each side
2. *Challenge*: then why not just plant outside the ערוגה and plant on the sides (קרנות)?
- a. *Answer*: it is a precaution against him filling in the קרנות
- b. *Challenge*: why not allow it under rubric of "ראש תור" (גג: כלאים) – which, if it enters another planted area, is permissible as it looks like the end of another field
- i. *Answer*: there is no "ראש תור" in a vegetable bed
- c. *שמואל*: our משנה is referring to an ערוגה among others
- i. *Challenge*: the seeds mix (with the neighboring bed)
- ii. *Answer*: he bends each row in a direction away from the other
- III. אסור's report of the question asked in א"י: if he plowed (1 of the 5 or a 6<sup>th</sup>) across the ערוגה, does it make it אסור?
- a. *ששת*: it makes it אסור – the mix cancels the ordered ערוגה
- b. *אשי*: doesn't make it אסור – the mix does not cancel the ordered ערוגה
- i. *Challenge* (רבינא לר"א): גג: כלאים – if one plants 2 rows of cucumbers, 2 of gourds and 2 of beans – מותר
1. *But*: 1 row of each is אסור (→ the seeds ranging through the ערוגה should make it all אסור)
2. *Answer*: that case is different – those species have leaves and stalks that will entangle with each other
- IV. יוחנן's rule: if someone wants to plant his entire garden with various vegetables (without leaving space)
- a. *He may*: make 6x6 beds and make 5 circles inside and plant each circle with one kind
- i. *Challenge*: the seeds between the circles intermingle
1. *Answer* (דבי ר' ינאי): he leaves those areas fallow
2. *Answer* (ר' אשי): if those are planted lengthwise, he plants width-wise (and vice-versa)
- a. *Challenge* (רבינא לר"א): ב:ז – תוספתא כלאים – space needed for working on vegetables is 6 טפחים
- i. *And*: we envision them as a rectangular space (→ circles are invalid for this proximity)
- ii. *Answer* (ר' אשי): that was only said to be lenient in another way –
1. *Leniency*: to allow a ראש תור (pointy end) of one of the rectangles to protrude into another