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39a (משנה ו') → 39b (מצה ומרור)

- I. מרור: vegetables which may be used for מרור
- Vegetables:* חזרת (lettuce), תמכא, עולשין, חרחבינא, תמכא, endive) and מרור
 - preparation:* wet or dry, but not pickled, boiled or cooked; may also use their stalks
 - ד' חסדא* only stalks can be wet or dry; leaves must be moist
 - Challenge:* from סיפא, allowing their stalks – implication that רישא refers to leaves
 - Answer:* the משנה is explaining – which part is allowed to be either wet or dry – the stalks
 - Challenge:* בריתא – מ"מ holds that one may use stalks or leaves, wet or dry
 - חכמים* only moist – but agree that slightly withered are valid (as long as it has מרור טעם) (withered)
 - Note:* in secondary בריתא, dispute as to permissibility of use of כמושין (withered)
 - Answer:* מ"מ's allowance for "dry" was only referring to the stalks
 - Status:* דמאי מעשר ראשון, דמאי מעשר ראשון that had תרומ"מ taken and מע"ש and הקדש that were redeemed may be used
 - Various lists:* compiled by different חכמים
 - General rule:* Any vegetable which has whitish juice (שרף) and is pale (מכסיפין)
 - But the ideal:* is חזרת (romaine lettuce); (מדרש שם) חסה because הקב"ה had compassion (חס) for us
 - And:* Just like Egyptian servitude, starts out soft and gets hard
 - Parameters:* parallel to מצה
 - גידולי קרקע* just as מצה comes from ground; excludes bitter juice of fish
 - Seeds:* just as מצה is a seed; excludes bitter parts of tree
 - Value:* just as מצה may be purchased with כסף מעשר; excludes wild plant
 - Varieties:* just as מצה has 5 valid types (5 grains)
- II. ב' dictum regarding planting these different types together – consideration of זרעים
- Statement:* all (5) of these may be planted in one vegetable bed (ערוגה)
 - Assumption:* means that they do not constitute כלאים with each other
 - Challenge (רבא):* א"ב only allows for wild and domestic of the same type to be planted together
 - Answer:* what רב meant was that these five may be planted בהלכתן – a bed of 6x6 טפחים may hold 5 different זרעים
 - Challenge:* ג"א already teaches how to plant 5 different זרעים in one bed (1 on each side, 1 in the middle)
 - Defense:* סד"א only seeds – קמ"ל even vegetables may be planted in this proximity
 - Assumption:* vegetables constitute a more lenient class than seeds
 - Challenge:* ג"ב allow only vegetables – but not seeds – to be planted in one bed
 - Answer:* we may have thought that lettuce is a seed, since it hardens and requires more space – קמ"ל
- III. Question posed by רמי בר חמא about use of בירושלים מע"ש
- Limitation:* isn't asking according to ר"ע, who allows מע"ש – certainly would allow מרור, which is (currently) דרבנן
 - Question:* according to ריה"ג: perhaps he only excludes מצה, which is מדאורייתא
 - Or:* perhaps the חכמים made their תקנה (eating מרור) in line with the דאורייתא of מצה (כל דתקון רבנן כעין דאורייתא תקון)
 - Answer (רבא):* מרור::מצה → invalid (according to ריה"ג)