

מסכת
בבלי
דף י"א

DAF YOMI⁴ KIDS

Inside the Daf

Objects that may not be used on the Sabbath or יום טוב (Festival) are called "מקצה," or "set aside," because they are "set aside" from being used on these holy days. מקצה objects may not be moved on holy days.

מקצה objects include items that are usually used for an activity that is not allowed on the Sabbath or יום טוב. For example, a **pestle and mortar** are a bowl and small club used for crushing spices and grains. Crushing is not allowed on the Sabbath and יום טוב, so a mortar and pestle are מקצה.

However, a pestle is not only used for crushing. One can use a pestle as a surface upon which to chop meat. Chopping meat is allowed on the Sabbath and Festivals.

Any object which is *usually* used for an activity which is not allowed on holy days but which *may* also be used for a permitted activity is called a כלי שְׁמֻלְאֲכָתוֹ לְאִיסוּר, (a utensil usually used for a forbidden job). A pestle and mortar is an example of a כלי שְׁמֻלְאֲכָתוֹ לְאִיסוּר.

The question today is, on the Sabbath and Festival may one move a כלי שְׁמֻלְאֲכָתוֹ לְאִיסוּר (like a pestle) for a permitted activity (like chopping meat)?

בית שְׁמַאי say a כלי שְׁמֻלְאֲכָתוֹ לְאִיסוּר may not be used, even for a permitted activity. בית הֵלֵל say it may.

The גְּמָרָא points out that both בית הֵלֵל and בית שְׁמַאי agree that once one is finished using the pestle for cutting meat one may not move it to put it away.

אבֵּיי observes that even בית שְׁמַאי would agree you can use a butcher's board for cutting meat on a holy day. A butcher's board is usually used for an activity that is allowed on the Sabbath and יום טוב

– chopping meat. It is therefore not מקצה at all.

WORD OF THE DAY:

נִינְהוּ

"THEY ARE"



Did You Know...

Medicines used to be made by grinding herbs, an activity not allowed on the Sabbath. The Sages decreed no medicines may be used on the Sabbath (except in an emergency) because one may come to grind herbs to make the medicine. This included putting on bandages because they used to have medicine in them.

Salting Hides

To turn animal hide into leather, it must go through a process called "tanning." Tanning preserves the hides so they do not wear out as quickly. Tanning is one of the activities that is forbidden on the Sabbath and Festivals.

Salting hides also works to tan them. A בְּרִיתָא discusses if you are allowed on the Sabbath or יום טוב to salt meat over spread out animal hide. Both בֵּית הַלֵּל and בֵּית שְׁמַאי agree that one may do this because only a small amount of salt will fall on the hides. The "tanning" that will happen from this is not important.

אֲבַיִי point out that one may only salt meat in preparation for roasting because only a small amount of salt is used for this. If you are preparing the meat for cooking, you may not salt it over hides. This is because heavy salting is needed before meat is to be cooked. We are afraid a large amount of salt will fall onto the hides, tanning them.



A Moment

Joseph could believe how *annoying* his little sister, Menucha was being. She was following him around everywhere, giggling loudly and getting in his way all afternoon!

"Aaron!" Joseph called to his brother. "Could you get Menucha to quit *bothering* me?"

Joseph's older brother Aaron came to Joseph's aid.

"Hey, Joseph," said Aaron. "Don't you have to clean your room today?"

"Yeah...what's that got to do with my little problem here," Joseph said indicating their sister.

"Menucha," said Aaron. "Do you want to be around Joseph?"

Menucha nodded.

"Go with Joseph and help him clean his room." Menucha ran to Joseph's room.

"That's a great idea, Aaron!" exclaimed Joseph. "Menucha gets to be around me but she also helps me clean my room faster! How'd you think of that?"

"From the גְּמָרָא, of course," said Aaron. "A כְּלֵי שְׁמֵלֶאכֶתוֹ לְאִיסוּר, a utensil that is usually used for something not allowed, may not be moved on the Sabbath and Festivals. But it *may* be used for things that are allowed on the Festival. I guess we see that even things we call 'bad' can also be used for 'good.' We just have to figure out how."

Games

MATCH UP

Match the כְּלֵי שְׁמֵלֶאכֶתוֹ לְאִיסוּר to its permitted activity



Cracking Walnuts

Storing Books

Measuring A מְקוּרָה

Cut Fig Cake

Slicing Cheese

Rake Up Dates

Review Questions – ביצה דף י"א

1. Define: כְּלֵי שְׁמֵלֶאכֶתוֹ לְאִיסוּר.

2. Why can't you salt hides on the Sabbath or Festivals?

3 Why is making medicine not allowed on the Sabbath and Festivals?