

# מסכת ביצה דף לו

# DAF YOMI 4 KIDS

## Inside the Daf

The מִשְׁנָה teaches that any activity that the Sages did not allow on the Sabbath and Festivals falls into one of three categories: שְׁבוּת (activities that are not מְצוּת), רְשׁוּת (activities which are a bit like מְצוּת), מְצוּת (activities which are מְצוּת, or commandments).

**שְׁבוּת**  
("Rest")  
Activities that are not מְצוּת



Hand clapping and dancing (one may come to repair a musical instrument which is a forbidden labor on holy days).



Swimming (one may come to make a swimmer's barrel, a utensil made of woven reeds that was used as an aid to learn how to swim. Making such a barrel involves weaving which is not allowed on holy days)



Climbing a tree (one may come to break off branches, a forbidden activity on the Sabbath and Festivals)

Judging a case (one may come to write down the court's ruling)

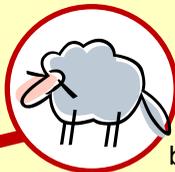


**רְשׁוּת**  
("Optional")  
Activities which are a bit like מְצוּת

Betrothing (the first step before full marriage, this is not allowed in case one comes to write a marriage document)



**מְצוּה**  
("Commandment")  
Activities which are מְצוּת (commandments)



Making something "holy" (for example, setting aside an animal to sacrifice or donating to the Temple, this is similar to doing business since money is being given to the Temple)



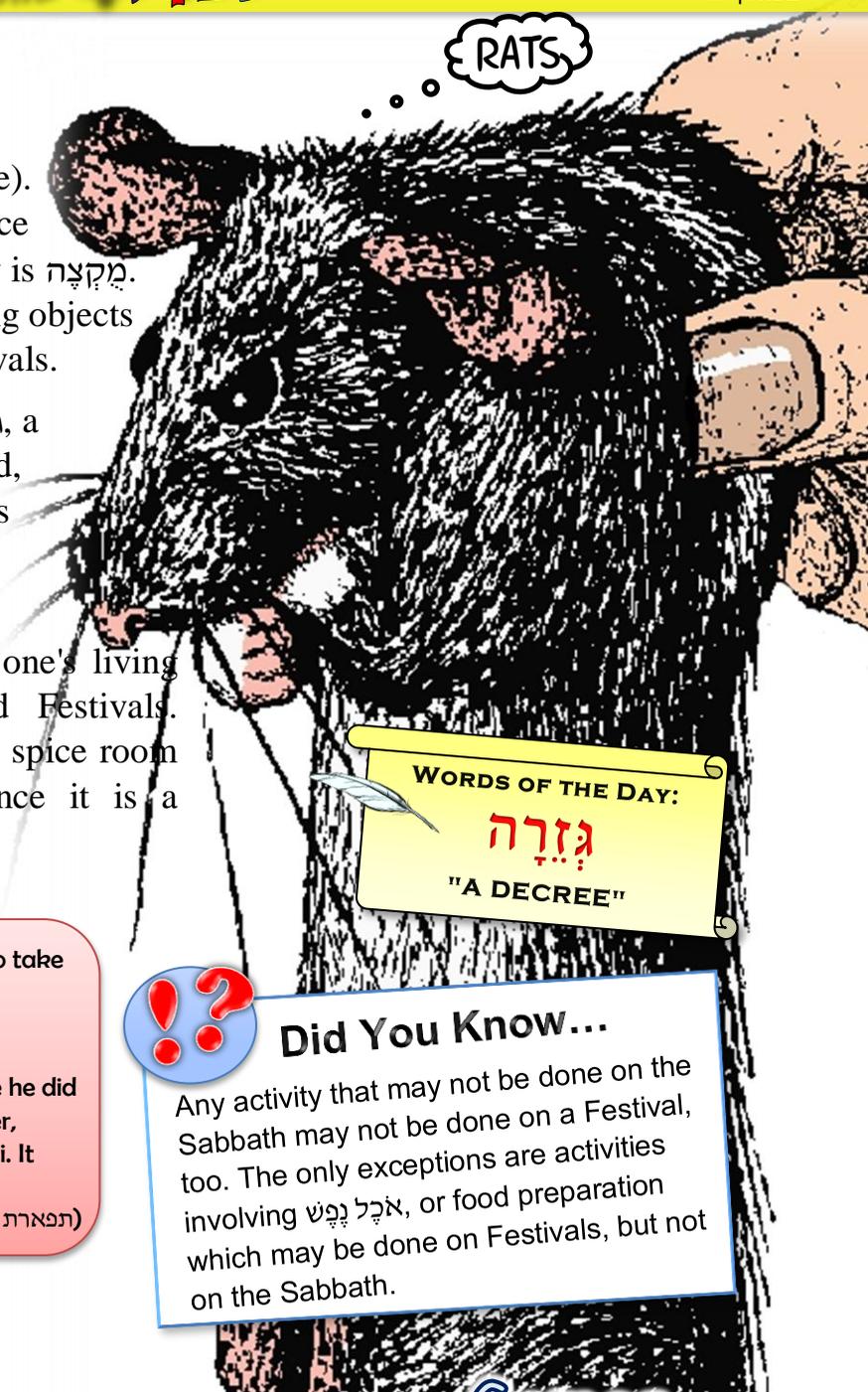
Separating tithes (from food to be given to כֹּהֲנִים or Levites, by separating tithes from food you are "fixing" the food as it may now be eaten. "Fixing" is not allowed on the Sabbath or Festivals).

# Disgusting Objects

Objects that one has no intention of using on the Sabbath or Festivals are called, "מְקַצָּה" (set aside). מְקַצָּה may not be moved on these holy days. Since people don't intend to use disgusting things, they is מְקַצָּה. However, the Sages allow one to move disgusting objects out of one's living area on the Sabbath and Festivals.

An example of a disgusting object is a גֵרֵף שֶׁל רְעִי, a pan of manure. Before flush toilets were invented, people would relieve themselves in chamber pots which would later be taken and dumped out in a trash heap.

שְׂמוּאֵל allows a גֵרֵף שֶׁל רְעִי to be taken out of one's living area and dumped out on the Sabbath and Festivals. Similarly, when a mouse was once found in the spice room of רַב אֶשִׁי, the sage ordered it removed since it is a disgusting object, similar to a גֵרֵף שֶׁל רְעִי.



## A מְדוּת - Moment

Lately, Yissachar had been acting differently. He was starting to take on extra religious practices that even his own rabbi didn't do.

His father spoke to him about this.

"Yissachar," he began, "we see אֲבִי suffered a great loss because he did not listen to the ruling of his teacher, רַבָּה, but chose to be stricter, instead. It is not proper to act more strictly than one's own rabbi. It makes you look like you think you know better than him!"

(תפארת שמואל)



## Did You Know...

Any activity that may not be done on the Sabbath may not be done on a Festival, too. The only exceptions are activities involving נֶפֶשׁ, or food preparation which may be done on Festivals, but not on the Sabbath.

## MATCH UP

Match the pictures with their category



שְׁבוּת



רְשׁוּת



מְצָה

## Games

### Review Questions – בִּיצָה דֵף ל"ו

1. What are the three categories of activities the Sages did not allow on the Sabbath and Festivals?

2. What may be removed from one's living area on the Sabbath or Festivals?

3. What is the only difference between the Sabbath and Festivals?