כלאים



אֶת־חֻקּתַי ׂתִשְׁמֹרוֹּ בְּהֶמְתְּדְּ ׁלֹא־תַרְבְּיעַ כִּלְאַיִם שְּׁדְדָ לֹא־תִוְרַע כִּלְאָיִם וּבֶגֶד כִּלְאַיִם שָׁעַטְנֵוֹ לָא יַעֲלֶה עָלֶידְּ: (ויקרא יט:יט)

"Guard my statutes: Do not cross-breed your animal as כלאים; do not plant seeds of כלאים in your field; do not let an item of בלאים clothing – שעטנו – go onto you."

לֹא־תִזְרַע כַּרְמְדָ כִּלְאֵיִם פֶּן־תִּקְדַּשׁ הַמְלֵאָה הַזֶּרַע אֲשֶׁר תִּזְרֶע וּתְבוּאַת הַכֵּרֶם: לְאיתַחֲרִשׁ בְּשׁוֹרִיוּבַחְמֻר יַחְדֵּוּ: לְא תִלְבַּשׁ שַׁעֲעְעָבו צָמֶר וּפִּשְׁתִּיָם יַחְדֵּוּ: (דברים כב:ט-יא)

"Do not plant seeds of כלאים in your vineyard, in case the fullness of the seed which you will plant and the produce of the vineyard will become separated from use.

Do not plough with an ox and a donkey together. Do not wear שעטנז – wool and linen together."



### **Overview**

## כָּלְאַיִם

כָּלְאֵי זְרְעִים (1-3)

- ✓ What's considered 2 different types
  - Appearance and shape
  - Planting seeds together
  - Grafting
- ✓ When no benefit is gained from the בְּלְאַיִם
  - If 1 species is mixed with another
  - Changing what is planted in a field
- ✓ Different formations of species in a field
  - Patches Rows Fields Gourd

כָּלְאֵי הַכֶּרֶם

- ✓ Distance which must be left between different vines and other species
  - Defining a vineyard קַרַחַת הַכֵּרֵם
  - מחול הכרם Unusual formations
  - Planting inside things in a vineyard
- ✓ Not benefitting from בָּלָאֵי הַבֶּרֶם
- ✓ An עריס
  - Things becoming secondary to the vines draped on them
- ✓ Specific ways that produce is planted/grows

✓ Not working or mating any combination of

- Species mixing once growing

כָּלָאֵי בָּהֵמָה

animals

- ✓ What status animals have
  - שַׁרֶץ בָּהֵמָה חַיַּה

כִּלְאֵי בְּגָדִים

- ✓ What's included in the prohibition
  - What's considered "upon you"
- ✓ Checking for שַעֵּענְגו



#### **Rules:**

י Something within 3 יְבְּהִים of something else is considered connected to it - בּטֵל בְּרוֹב - In a mixture, that which makes up the minority is nullified and the entire mixture is considered to be whatever the majority is - בּבָר שָׁאֵינוֹ מִתְבַּוֹן - Doing something generally forbidden without intending for the forbidden result

#### **Concepts and Terms:**

- בּלְאֵי זְרַעִים Mixing 2 different kinds of seeds together; grafting 2 kinds of plants
- פּלְאֵי הַכֵּרִם Planting another species in a vineyard
- בְּלְאֵי בְּהֵקְה Interbreeding different types of animals; working 2 kinds of animals together
- בַּלְאֵי בָּגָדִים/שַׁצֵעְנְזַו Wearing clothing which contains both wool and linen
- אַמות 2500 בית סְאָה Area of 2500 אַמות 2, e.g. 50x50
- בית כּוּר Area of 75,000 אַמוֹת 2 (30 בַּית כּוּר)

- When the corner of an area of a field planted with one species reaches an area planted with a different species

- קרַחַת הַכֵּרֵם A vineyard whose middle vines have been removed
- מְחוֹל הַכֶּרֶם A vineyard surrounded by a wall
- אְסוּר בְּהַנְּאָה When it's forbidden to benefit from something
- מְקַדֵּשׁ The term used to refer to the prohibition to benefit from בָּלְאַיִם

עריס - A vineyard

- The working area around a plant, which must be left unplanted when planting another species next to it; either 6 בֵּית רֹבַע or a בֵּית רֹבַע

אילָן סְרַק - A tree which doesn't grow fruit

- A process of bending the tip of a branch into the ground, bringing it back up at a different spot in the field and later cutting it from the original tree



י גְּצִיץ בְקוּב - A plant-pot with a hole in it at least the size of a small root בּלְקוּת - Lashes

- חַיָּה Undomesticated animal
- בְּהֵמָה Domesticated animal
- ישבץ One of the 8 creeping animals mentioned in the תוֹרָה

- Impurity which is transferred by being under the same roof, underneath or above the source of impurity
- When it appears like one is sinning



#### • 'כַּלְאֵים - 'כַּלְאֵים of seeds:

What's considered 2 different types:

- 1) If the appearance of 2 plants are almost identical, they are considered the same type so may be planted or grafted together.
- 2) If their appearance is similar, they are considered the same type only if their taste is similar
- 3) If their appearance is different, they are considered different types so may not be planted or grafted together.
  - → ר' עַקיבא: A small garlic or onion is considered the same type as the regular form.
  - → Peaches and almonds are considered different types, even though the skin covering almonds at their early growth gives them the appearance of peaches.
  - → Whereas the prohibition of planting two types of seeds together doesn't apply to trees, the prohibition of grafting applies to all combinations of trees and plants.
     ב' יהודה
     c) One may graft a tree with a green plant, since they don't fuse together.
    - One may not graft even in an unusual manner, e.g. planting green plants on a stump of a sycamore tree.
    - One may not plant a fig branch into a plant in order to cool it down, or a vine into a melon for its water supply, even though he isn't doing it in order to mix 2 species.
    - One may not plant gourd seeds into a mallow in order to keep them warm enough to survive and grow in the winter.
- One may store bundles of turnips or radishes in the ground next to a vine, since they don't look like they are planted.
  - → The fact that they aren't planted also means that (a) this may be done during the year of שְׁבִּוּיטָה; (b) he doesn't need to tithe it upon removing it from the ground, and (c) he may remove them from the ground on שַׁבָּת as long as he doesn't move the earth.
- הֲּבְמִיּם: To plant even 1 seed of one species with 1 seed of another species is forbidden.
  בּיְבִּיִּם: It's אָּסוּר says that one may not plant his "field" with בְּלְאֵיִם, implying that there's something else planted there independent of the 2 בּלָאַיִם seeds.
- Animals of 2 different species may not be mated or worked together.
  - → A horse and donkey are considered a different species to a **mule**, even though the mule's parents are a horse and donkey.



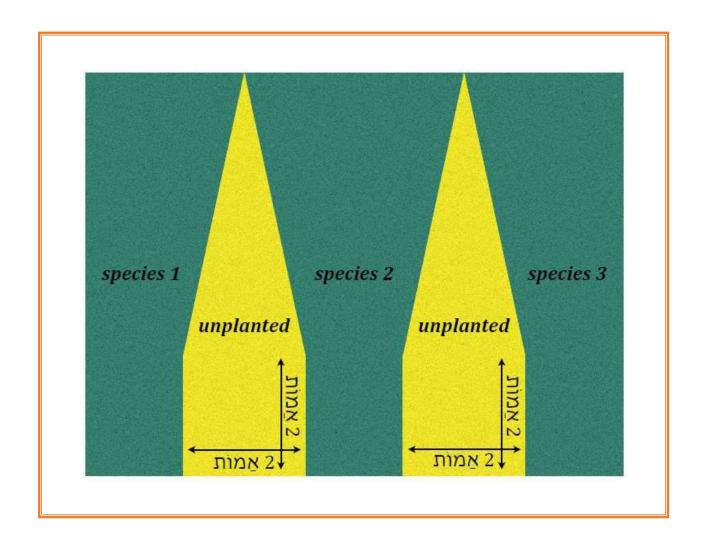
#### When no benefit is derived from mixing seeds:

- תְּבְּמִים: If the amount of seeds which fall into a group of other seeds makes up 1/24 or more of the other seeds, the owner must reduce it to less than that, but if it's less than 1/24 then it can be kept since it's obvious that it isn't planted for the sake of בְּלְאֵיִם. If it makes up 1/24, he must remove all of it, since otherwise he is showing that he wants to keep part of it as בּלְאֵיִם.
  - → תְּנָא קְמָא: This applies even if 2 different species together make up the 1/24, as long as 1 of the 2 are a different type to the other seeds.

    ור שִׁקְעוֹן: It only applies if the 1/24 is made up of 1 species.
    - בּקיים: It applies even if it's made up of 2 different species, as long as both are a different type to the other seeds.
  - $\rightarrow$  6 קב of seeds are usually planted in the area of a 'בָּית סְאָה' 50x50 אַמוֹת, so 1/24 is usually  $\frac{1}{7}$ , but it's הַּלְּכָה לְמשָה חִסְּינֵי that even if the seeds which fall in are usually planted as  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in a בִּית סְאָה, the measurement of 1/24 is still used, even though it's only 1/16 .
    - בית in a קב: The same applies to seeds which are usually planted as 18 בֵּית in a קב, such that 1/24 is אָבּה.
- If one plants his field with one type of produce and subsequently decides to plant it with a different type instead, he should wait for it to start growing within the ground and plough over it, since at that stage the roots are very weak.
  - → If the first type has already started to grow above ground so is visible, he must still plough over it before planting the second type and cannot rely on future uprooting of the wheat.
  - → יְּחְבְמִיּם: He only needs to plough the amount that he normally ploughs, even though this will leave some land unploughed, since this still shows that he doesn't want the בְּלִאיִם.
    - אַבָּא שְׁאוּל: The maximum amount of land that he may leave unploughed is 1/24 of it.
  - → If vines were planted there, he may plant a new species after cutting them down to a height of less than a מפח from the ground.
  - → If קְנָבּוֹס (certain herbs) were planted there, he must wait for 3 years before uprooting them and planting a different produce there, since that's how long they take to start growing and become weak.
- If plants which are harmful to its surroundings sprout up by themselves, he doesn't need to uproot it, since it's obvious that he didn't plant them.
  - → If he begins to uproot them, he must uproot all of them, since otherwise it appears like he wants to keep the rest.

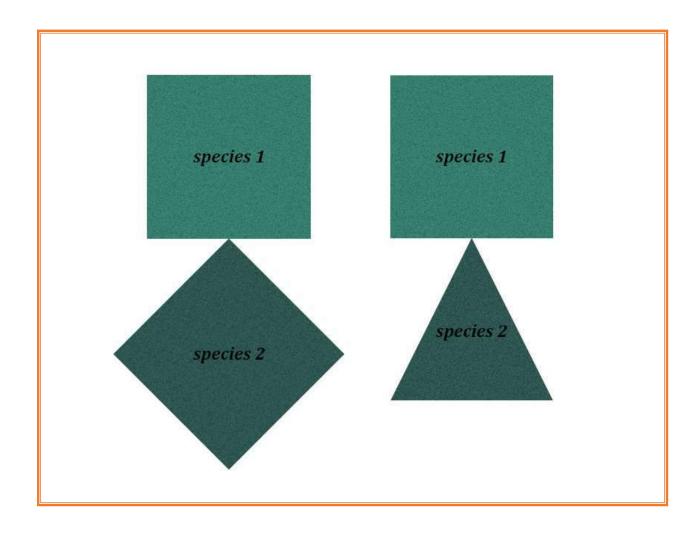


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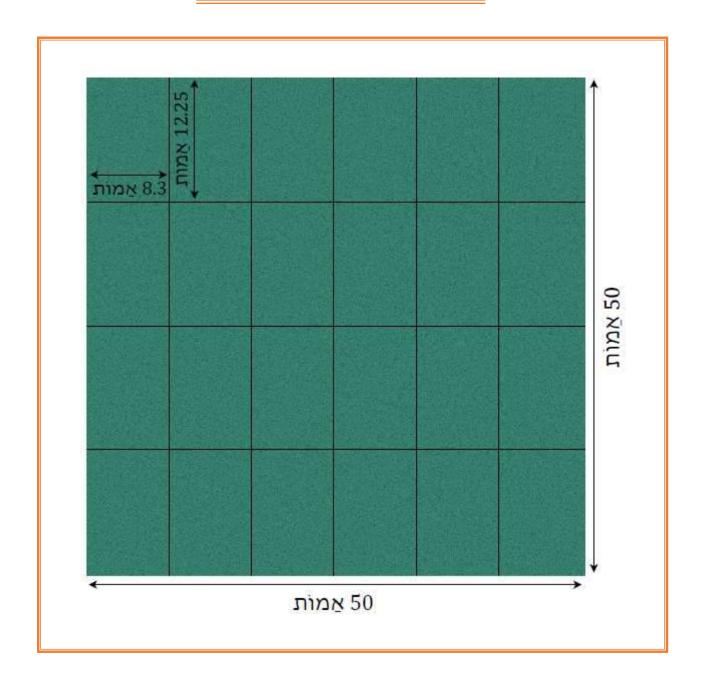


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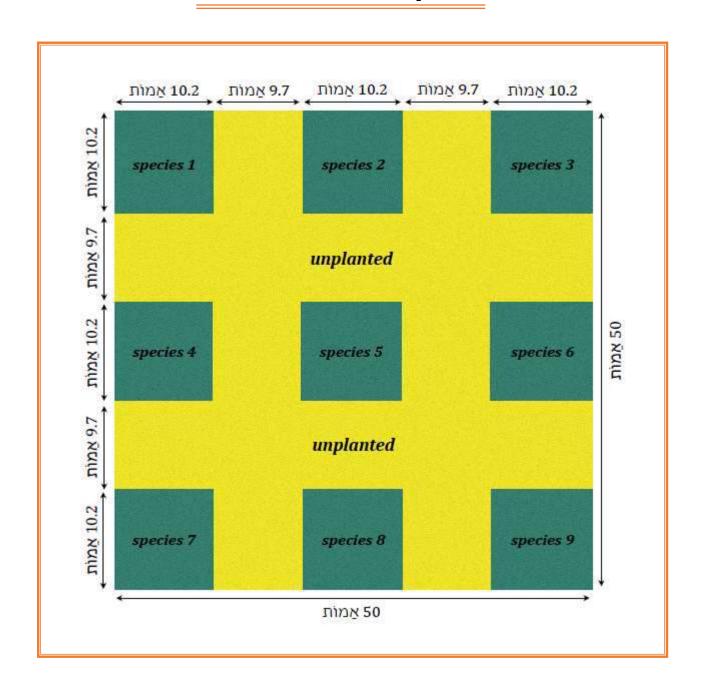


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### פרק ב: משנה ט





### כָּלְאַיִם

- A patch of 6x6 טְפְּחִים may be planted with 5 different green plants, using the mechanism of רֹאשׁ תּוֹר where only corners touch another species since anyway green plants are anyway generally planted in small quantities [see diagrams].
  - $\rightarrow$  מְּבְּחִים: If it has a 1 אָפָחִים high and wide boundary so is 8x8 אָפָחִים, it may be planted with 13 different species 3 on each side of the boundary, and one in the middle 6 אָפָחִים using the mechanism of ראש תור.

ר' יְהּוּדְה: It may be planted with 18 different species, with 6 in the middle 6 עְפַּחִים.

- A turnip may not be planted in the boundary, since it's likely to grow into the middle 6 עַפְּחִים.
- If the boundary later becomes smaller, the plants may be kept since this doesn't make them look like בָּלְאִים.
- A furrow which is 1 שְׁבְּחִים deep and 6 יְנְבְּחִים wide may be planted with 2 different seeds on either side and a third seed in the middle, since it's on a different level.
- ישְׁמְעֵאֵל: If one wants to plant a strip of green plants inside a field of another species of green plants, the gaps left between them must go from one end of the field to the other, because of the relatively small width of the strip [see diagram].

  אַפָּחִים: The gaps only need to be 6 יְנְפְּחִים long and wide, and if they don't reach the end of the field then he will need to add a third gap [see diagram].

  אַפָּחִים: The gaps only need to be 6 יְנְפְּחִים long and 1 יְנְפְּחִים wide, as learnt from the תורה.

#### Stringencies of a דלעת – gourd:

- One may not plant just one row each of 3 different plants which get entangled easily (e.g. gourd) next to each other, even if he leaves the usual gaps between them, since they aren't distinct and separate enough.
  - → אַליּעֶזֶר: If there is one row of Species 1, one of Species 2, one of Species 3 and then another row of Species 1, this is permitted since it's considered a field of Species 1.

בּקְּמִים: It's forbidden, since this isn't considered a field of Species 1 as the 2 rows aren't adjacent, so the rows lack significance and distinction.

- One may plant 2 different seeds **inside one hole** if he directs their growth in opposite directions, since that way it's clear that they aren't mixed together.
- ישְׁמְעָאֵל: One who wishes to plant alternate rows of an onion field with gourds which will take up the entire width of the field should: (1) uproot 8 אַכּוֹת of onions; (2) plant the middle 4 אַכּוֹת with gourd; (3) leave the remaining 2 אַכּוֹת on either side unplanted; (4) leave the next 8 אַכּוֹת planted with onions.

<mark>ר' צַקיבָא</mark>: He may plant the entire 8 אַמוֹת which he uprooted with gourd, and the usual gap of 6 עַפָּחִים at the beginning of each row is sufficient.



### כִּלְאַיִם

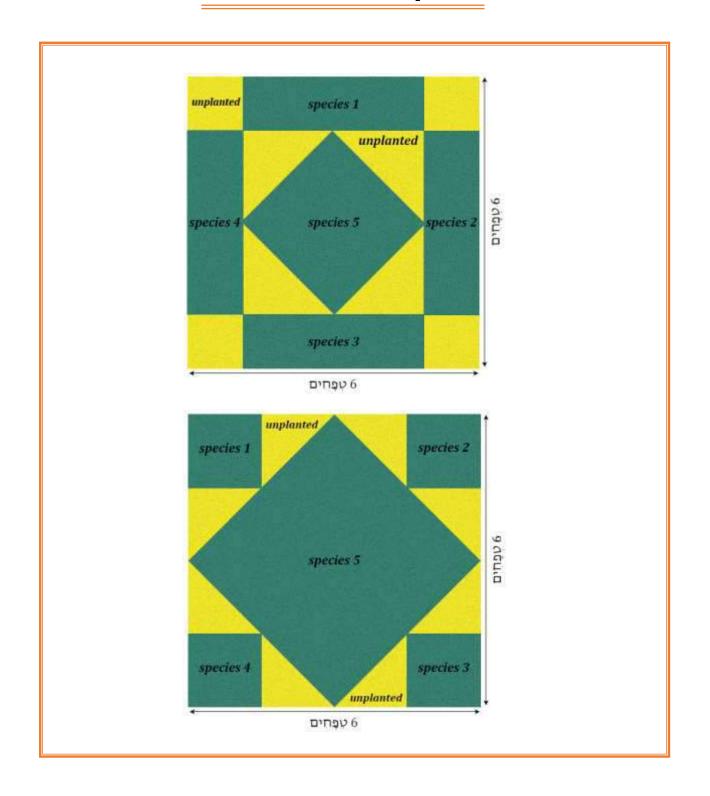
י<mark>חֶכְמִים</mark>: There must be at least 12 אַמוֹת in between one row of gourd and another (like יְּשְׁמְעאֵל), and the usual gap of 6 אְפָּחִים at the beginning of each row is sufficient (like ר' צֵקִיבָּא) [see diagrams for all 3 opinions].

- A gourd is considered a green plant, so if it's planted within a field of another green plant then a gap of 6 יְנְפְּחִים must be left, and if it's a grain field then a gap of a בּית must be left.
  - → מְּבְּחִים: If he plants a row of gourds in the field, a gap of 6 יְבְּכִּיִם is sufficient since a row is more distinct.

    'ב' יוֹסֵי A gap of 4 אַכּוֹת is necessary, because of their vast growth.
- ב'ת סְאָה heard a big stringency from ר' יִשְׁמְעאֵל, that a gap of 1/3 of a בית סְאָה must be left between gourd and another species. ר' יוֹסֵי בֶּן הַחוֹטֵף אֶפְּרָתִי heard from ר' יוֹסֵי בֶּן הַחוֹטֵף אֶפְּרָתִי that the gap must be 1/3 of a יִשְׁמָעאֵל (the area of 30 בֵּית סִאָה).

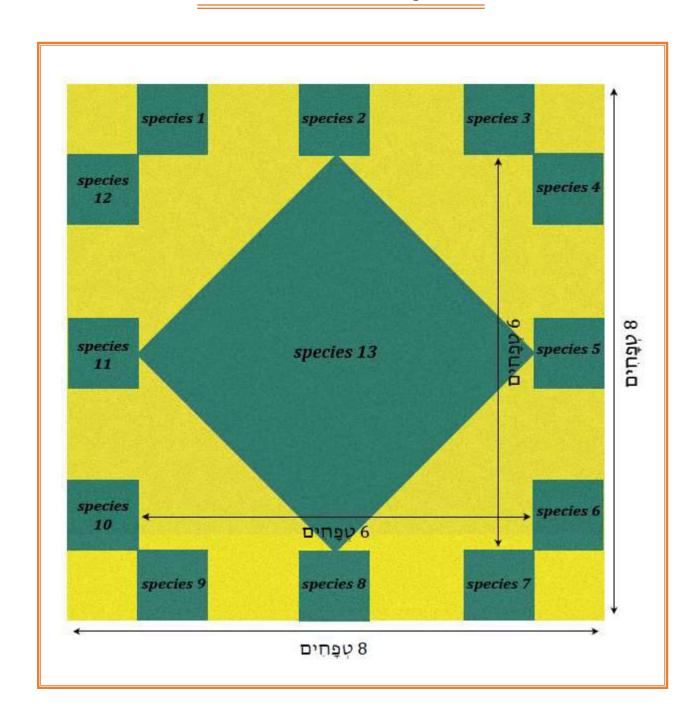


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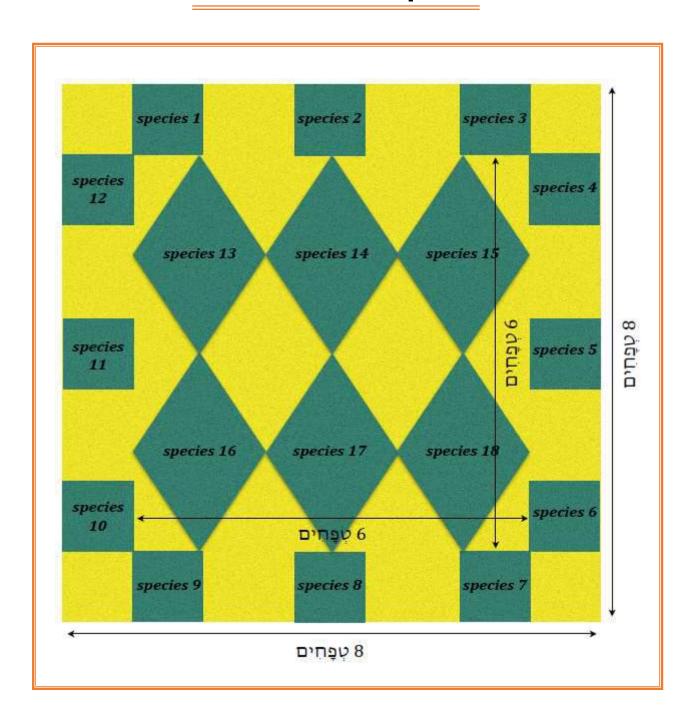


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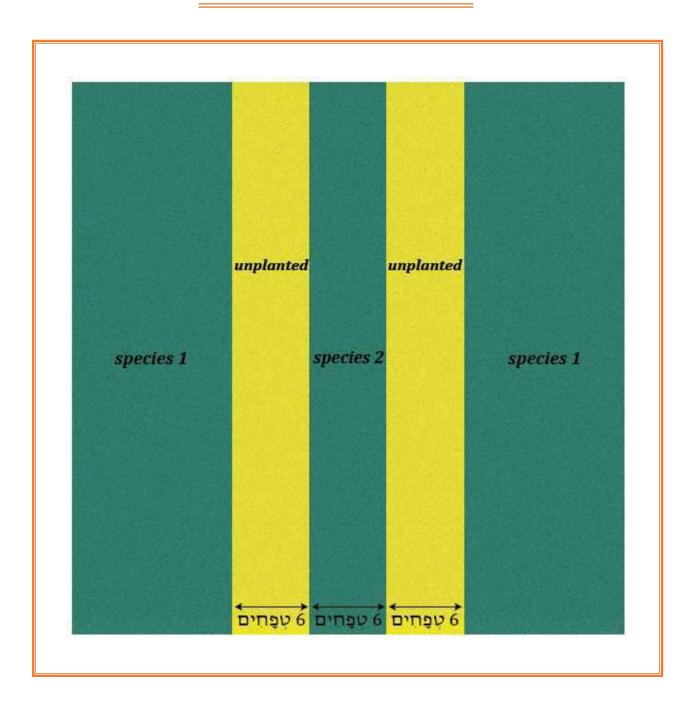


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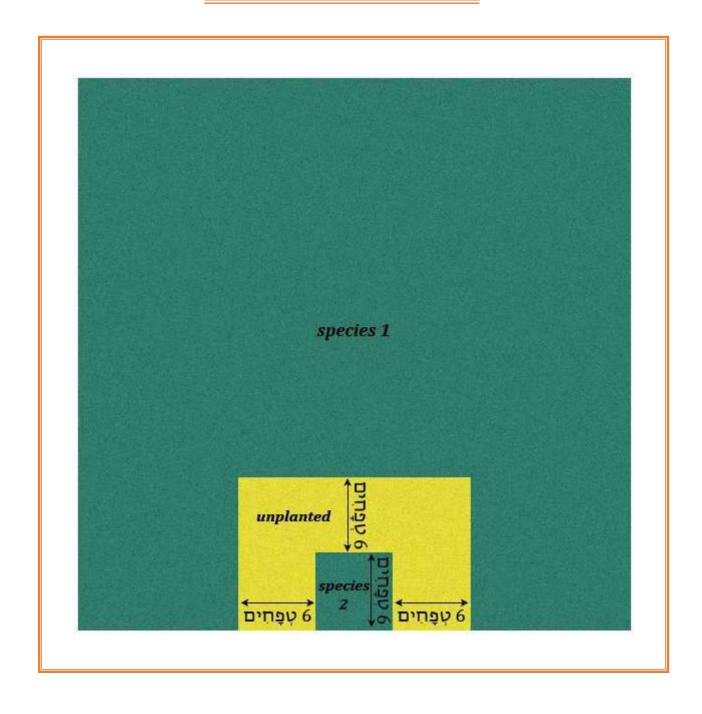


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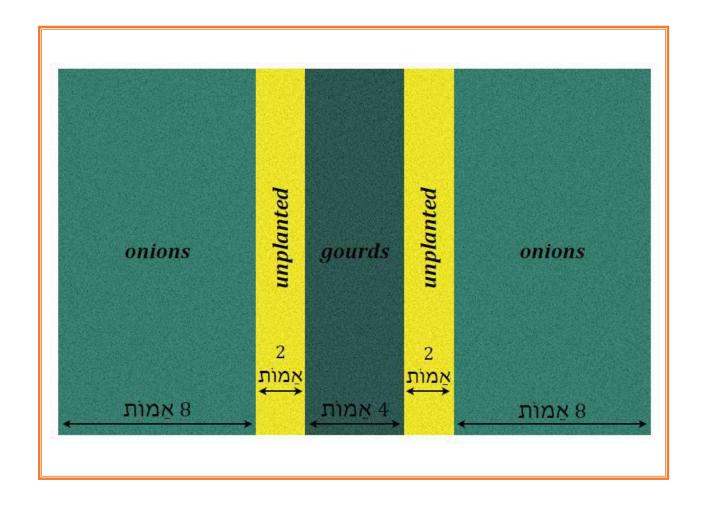


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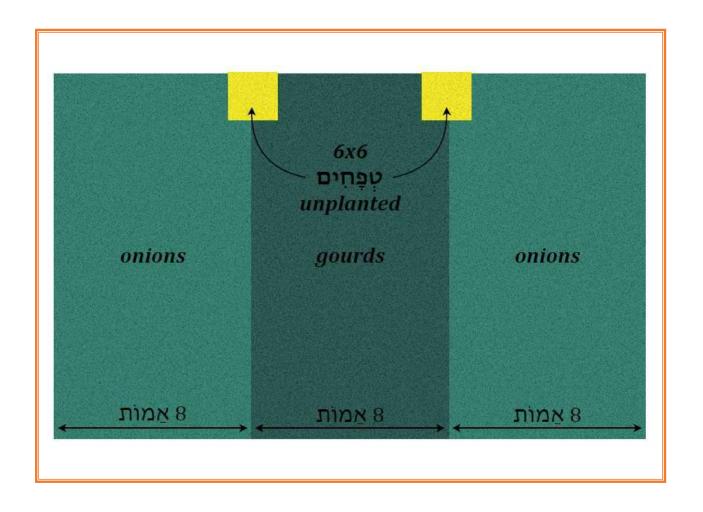


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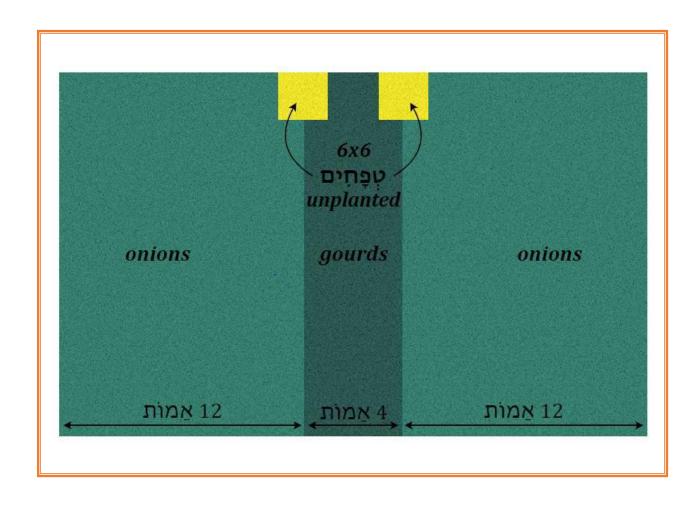


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- 'כַּלְאֵי הַכֵּרִם of a vineyard:
  - בְּית שַׁפְאי: A 'קְרַחַת הַבֶּרֶם' vineyard whose middle vines have been removed may be planted with another species in the middle if there are at least 24 אַכּוֹת in between the two ends of the vineyard 4 אַכּוֹת of an unplanted gap plus a large enough area for the other species to be planted that it be considered a distinct field, i.e. אַכּוֹת, for each side of the vineyard.

בית הלל: An area of 16 אַמוֹת is sufficient, since an area of 4x4 בּית הלל is considered a distinct field.

→ בְּית שַׁפֵּאי - a vineyard surrounded by a wall - may be planted in between the wall and vineyard if there are at least 16 אַכּוֹת in between them:
(a) 4 אַכּוֹת of an unplanted gap next to the vineyard; (b) אַכּוֹת next to the fence which is generally left unplanted so that people tread there and strengthen the wall; (c) an area of 8x8 אַכּוֹת to be considered a distinct field.

בית הְלֵל : An area of 12 אַמוֹת is sufficient, since an area of 4x4 בּית הְלֵל is considered a distinct field.

- מְחוֹל הַכֶּרֶם: This isn't the case of מְחוֹל הַכֶּרֶם, which requires 12 or 16 אַמוֹת, rather the case of מְחוֹל הַכֶּרֶם is in between 2 different vineyards which aren't aligned so it's obvious that they weren't originally part of the same vineyard, so only the area of one distinct field is required.
- A fence is only of significance if it's at least 10 עפּחִים tall.
  - o If the fence is made up of vertical reeds which are distanced less than 3 יְּפְּחִים from each other, the gaps are considered closed up ('לָבוּד') so it's a valid fence.
  - o A gap of up to 10 אַכּוֹת is considered an entrance so part of the fence.
  - o If more of the fence are 'entrances' than the physical fence itself, then the 'entrances' are not considered part of the fence.
  - o A ditch is only of significance, e.g. to separate 2 species, if it's at least 10 אַפַּחִים deep and 4 יְפַחִים wide.
- בית שמאי: 1 row of 5 vines is considered a vineyard, such that an unplanted gap of 4 must be left between it and another species.
  - בּית הַלָּל: It's only considered a vineyard if there are 2 rows of 2 vines and the 5th vine is planted such that it appears to be the continuation of both rows *[see diagrams]*.
    - → So according to בֵּית שַׁמַאי, if one plants another species within 4 אָפוֹת of a vineyard then the first row becomes 'אָסוּר בְּהַנָּאָה' forbidden in benefit, whereas according to בֵּית הְלֵּל, the first 2 rows do.
    - → According to בֵּיֹת הַלֵּל, if one plants 1 row next to his neighbour's already existent row, they are considered a vineyard, even if they are separated by a path less than 8 אָפּוֹת wide or a fence less than 10 יְפָּחִים tall.
      - ר' יְהּוּדְה: If the vines are draped over the fence and intertwine with each other, then they combine to make a vineyard even if the fence is taller than 10 עָפָּחִים.



## כּלְאַיִם

• אַכּוֹת Although **2 rows** must be within 8 אַכּוֹת of each other to be considered a vineyard, if there are **at least 3 rows** then there can be up to 16 אַכּוֹר in between them.

אַמות ? The maximum is always <mark>ר' מאיר & ר' שמעון</mark>.

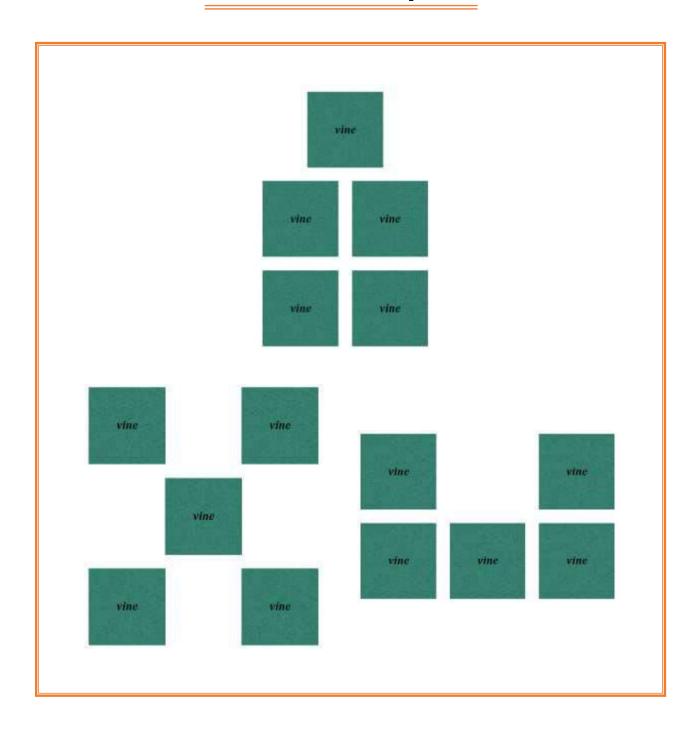
→ הֲּכְמִים: If the middle of 3 rows is removed, since there are only 2 rows left they are only considered a vineyard if they are within 8 אַמוֹת of each other.

הַּבְּנִאִי of each other.

בית שְׁנַנְיִא בֶּן חֲבִינָאי: Each of the 2 rows is a vineyard by itself (like בְּיִת שַׁמַאי) so this is like a case of קַרַחַת הַבֶּבֶּח where either side is considered a vineyard, so there can be 16 אַמוֹת in between them (like בֵּיֹת הַלֶּל.).



פרק ד: משנה ו





#### Unusual vineyard formations:

- 1) A **vineyard which has been destroyed** is still considered a vineyard if there are at least 10 vines remaining in an area of a בָּית סְאָה, at least 5 of which set out in a vineyard formation across a distance of 4-16.
- 2) Vines which are planted in a **random formation** are considered a vineyard if at least 5 of them have the requisite formation for a vineyard.
- 3) ר' מֵאִיר: If the **rows don't align with each other**, it's still considered a regular formation so they make up a vineyard.
- 4) אמות: If the rows are within 4 אמות of each other, they aren't considered a vineyard since this is an unusual formation and they don't grow properly.

  "חַבְּמִים: He intends to remove the ones which don't grow properly and use them as firewood, so it's viewed as if those ones have already been removed so it is considered a vineyard.

#### Planting inside different things in the vineyard:

- 1) ר' אֵליעֶזֶר בֶּן יִּעְקֹב: A **ditch** which runs through an entire vineyard and splits it into two is considered significant that one may plant a different species in it.
- 2) ר' אֱלִיעֶזֶר: One may plant another species in a **winepress** at the edge of a vineyard which is 10 אָפָּחִים deep and 4 אָפָּחִים wide.
  - : One may not, since it isn't significant enough so it's secondary to the vineyard.
- 3) A 4x10 אָפְחִים **mound** at the edge of a vineyard used by a watchman to see far into the distance may be planted with another species, since it's all above the ground so it's not secondary to the vineyard.
- 4) אָפְתִים: If an **individual vine is planted in a winepress or hole**, another species can be planted 6 אָפָּחִים away from it.
  - ר' יוֹסִי: If the winepress/hole is narrower than 4 אָמוֹת, it's all considered the domain of the wine so nothing else may be planted there.
- 5) One may plant another species **inside a house** in a vineyard.

### The prohibition to benefit from בָּלְאֵי הַכֶּּרֶם:

- One who plants or keeps בְּלְאֵיִם within his vineyard is 'מְקַדֵּשׁ' makes benefit from something forbidden all vines within a 16 אַכּװֹת radius of the בָּלְאֵיִם.
  - → Since it's most common to distance vines by 4 אַכּװֹת from each other, such that 45 vines are within a 16 אַכּװֹת radius, if they were distanced by 5 אַכּװֹת such that only 37 vines are within a 16 אַכּװֹת radius, nevertheless 45 become forbidden since people will think that they were distanced by 4 אַכּװֹת as that was most common and it's difficult to tell the difference between 4 and 5 אַכּוֹת [see diagrams].
- If one sees another species in his vineyard and states that he will uproot it when he gets there, it isn't מְקְדֵשׁ any vines yet; but if he reaches it and says that he'll uproot it when he comes back then he has shown that he is happy with it growing there so as soon as it grows 1/200th of its current height, it is מְקָדֵשׁ the vines.



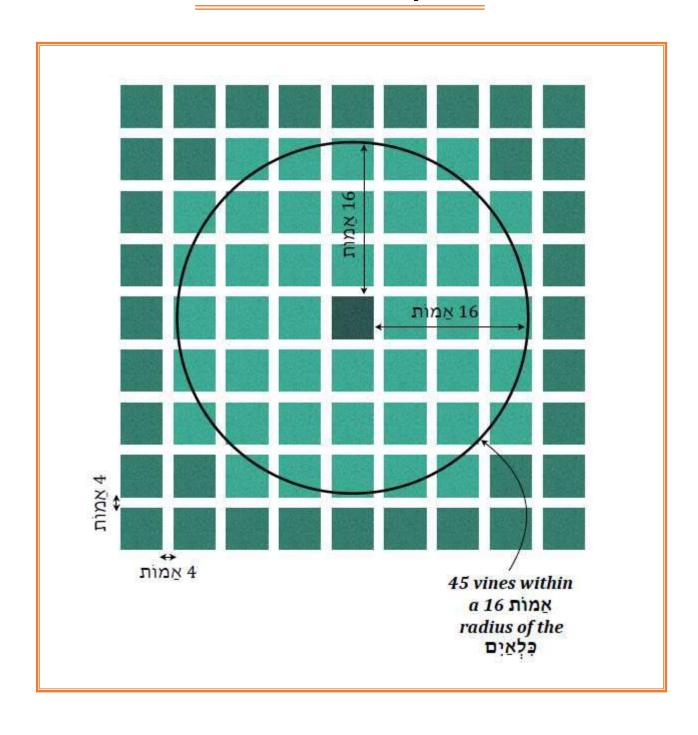


- If one drops seeds in his vineyard without realising and uproots them when he realises, nothing becomes אסור except for those seeds themselves.
  - → צְּקִיבָּא: If he realises as soon as he drops them but isn't sure where they are, he should wait until they appear and plough over that part; if he waits until the plant is growing significantly, then he must remove the kernels from the stalks and bury them; if he waits until it has reached 1/3 of its final growth, he must burn it like בּלאים which one plants intentionally.
- ד' אֵליעֶזֶר: If one doesn't uproot **thorns** which sprout in his vineyard, the vines become אְסוֹר: If one doesn't uproot **thorns** which sprout in his vineyard, the vines become אְסוֹר: If nobody in that area keeps thorns, the vines don't become אָסוֹר says that the prohibition is when "you plant", implying something which is kept and whose growth is desired.
  - → Things which always grow in the wild don't become בָּלָאיִם in a vineyard.
    - קְבְּוֹס : ר' טַרְפּוֹן (from which rope can be made) doesn't become בְּלְאֵיִם in a vineyard, since it's considered a seed of the wild.

      דְּבָּנִים: It does, since it's considered a green plant.

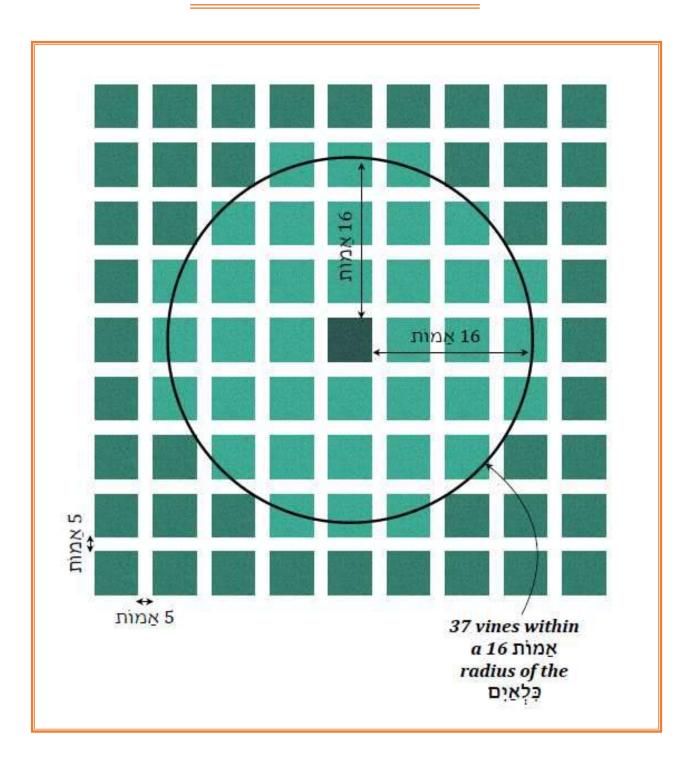


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- An עריס vineyard of vines growing above the ground:
  - Even according to בִּית הָלֵּל, one row of 5 vines growing on a fence/ditch/pole/roof is considered a vineyard ('עָרִיס').
    - → בית שׁמַאי: If he wants to plant another species on the other side of the fence, he must distance it 4 אַמוֹת away from the roots of the vine.
      - בית הְלֵל : He must distance it 4 אֲמוֹת away from the fence.
    - → אָרִיס too, and the one who said otherwise got confused with a different law: if there are less than 4 אַמוֹת between the roots of the vine and the fence, then another species can't be planted there since it's the vine's domain.
  - יְצְבוֹדָה: The 'אֲבוֹדָה' working area around a vine, i.e. the gap which must be left unplanted in between an individual vine and another species is 6 יְנְפְּחִים. It's 3 יְנְפְּחִים.
  - עְרִיּס which is **growing on a raised platform** in a field extend outwards over the actual field, it's אָסוּר to plant another species directly below it, but if it's low enough to be cut from below then another 4 אַמוֹת gap must be left, since it's viewed as part of the field *[see diagram]*.
    - $\rightarrow$  ב'' אֱלִיעֶזֶר: If 1 row of vines is planted on the ground and 1 on an adjacent platform which is less than 10 יְפְּחִים tall, they do combine to be considered a vineyard.
  - If one **drapes** a **vine onto part of** a **structure** of poles and an open roof made up of a few beams, it's **forbidden** to **plant under** the **entire structure** since it is all designated for the vine to grow onto and is secondary to the vine.
    - $\rightarrow$  If he does plant underneath part of the structure upon which the vine is not yet growing, it doesn't become אְסוּר בְּהַנְּאָה until the vine grows above it.
    - → יְּלֶנְ קְּרָק: The same applies to one who drapes a vine onto part of an 'אִילָּן קְרָק' non-fruit tree, since it isn't a significant or important tree so it becomes secondary to the vine.
      - ר' מֵאִיר: This applies to all trees except for an olive and fig tree.
      - ר' יוֹסֵי. This applies to all trees which aren't significant enough that whole fields are planted with that type of tree alone.
        - יְשְׁמְעאֵל showed ר' יְהוּשָׁצֵּע showed ר' יִהּוּשָׁצֵּע a vine draped on part of a sycamore tree, which because its main use is for wood has the status of an אִילָן סְרָק, but אִילָן סְרָק told him that it's permitted to plant another species under the other branches of the tree, since each branch is so large and significant that a vine on one branch has no bearing on the other branches.
    - → If any of the beams extend outwards from the main structure, one may plant underneath that part unless he intends for the vine to grow onto it.

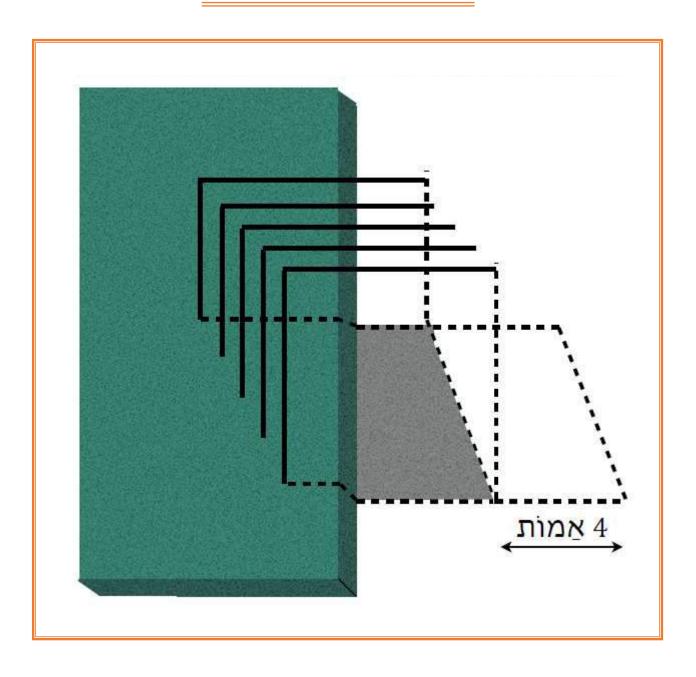


### כִּלְאַיִם

- If the middle vines of an אָרִיס are removed and there remains at least 5 vines on either side, the middle area may be planted with another species as long as they are distanced 4 אַכּוֹת from the vines, and the other species don't need to make up a distinct field like they do in a case of קַרְחַת הַכֵּרֶם.
- יְּבְּמִים: If **5 vines are planted along the inside of a wall** which is L-shaped, another species may be planted 6 יְבְּמִים away since they aren't considered a vineyard as they aren't set out regularly, in a straight line.
  - ר' יוֹסִי. If the wall is shorter than 4 אַכּוֹוּת, another species may not be planted in the inside, since it's considered the domain of the vines [see diagram].
- If the tip of a vine extends further than 4 אַפּוֹת away from the roots, it's forbidden to plant another species only directly below it.
  - → If one ties 2 branches together with a rope, it's permitted to plants another species underneath the rope if it's not also underneath a branch, unless he intends for the branch to grow onto the rope, in which case the rope becomes secondary to the branches.

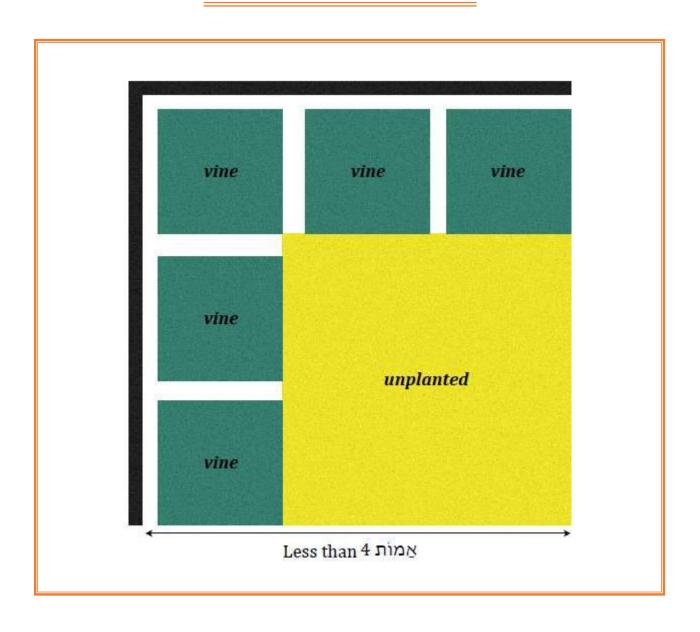


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#### Specific ways that produce is planted or grows:

- If one does the process of 'הַּבְּרֶכְּה' bending the tip of a branch into the ground, bringing it back up at a different spot in the field and cutting it from the original tree with a vine, he may not plant another species above the part of the branch which is underground, even if it's more than 6 יְנְפְּחִים from the roots, in case the roots reach the soft vine and be grafted with it [see diagram].
  - $\rightarrow$  If the vine is deeper than 3 יְפְּחִים into the ground, or there is rock above it, it's since the roots won't reach the vine.
  - → If at the point that the branch emerges from the ground it first droops down and only then grows upwards, another species may not be planted within 6 יְנְפָּחִים of the point at which the branch grows upwards, since it appears like that's where it emerges from the ground.
- הַבְּרֶכְה בּר צְדוֹק with 3 adjacent vines such that a second row of 3 vines emerges between 4-8 אַמוֹת away from the first row, this is considered a vineyard even if the 2 rows are still attached to each other.

#### Things which are אַסוּר to plant but don't become אַסוּר:

- 1) Planting another species by a **vine which has totally dried out** and died, in case people come to think that it's מוּתְּר to do so even next to a vine which has temporarily dried up.
- 2) <mark>ב' מֵאִיר:</mark> Planting **cotton** in a vineyard, since it is similar to a יֱבֶק.
- 3) ר' אֶלְעְזְר בַּר צְדוֹק מִשׁוֹם ר' מֵאִיר: Planting above a vine which has been put in the ground via הַבְּרְכָה.
- 4) Planting more than 4 אָכּוֹת away from the vines in a קָרַחַת הַבֶּּבֶּם which has less than 16 אַכּוֹת in between the two ends of the vineyards.
- 5) Planting more than 4 מְחוֹל הַכֶּרֶם away from the vines in a מְחוֹל הַכֶּרֶם which has less than 12 אמות in between the vineyard and the fence.
- 6) Planting between 6 אָפוֹת and 4 אָפוֹת away from the vines in an אָרִיס whose middle vines have been removed.
- 7) Planting underneath the rest of a structure upon which a vine was draped.

#### Specific ways that produce is planted or grows:

- אֲּסוֹר If one **plants a vine over somebody else's grain**, the grain becomes אֲּסוֹר and he must compensate him, since the בְּהַנָּאָה says בְּהַנָּאָים is forbidden in "a vineyard".
  - <mark>ר' יוֹסֵי + ר' שׁמְעוֹן</mark>: It <mark>doesn't</mark>, since the **תוֹרָה** says it's forbidden in "*your* vineyard".
    - → בְּלְאִיִם ruled regarding בְּלְאַיִם planted in somebody's vineyard during the year of 'שְׁמִיטָה' once every 7 years when it's forbidden to work one's field and all produce is ownerless that it didn't become אָסוּר בְּהַנָּאָה, since he didn't own it.

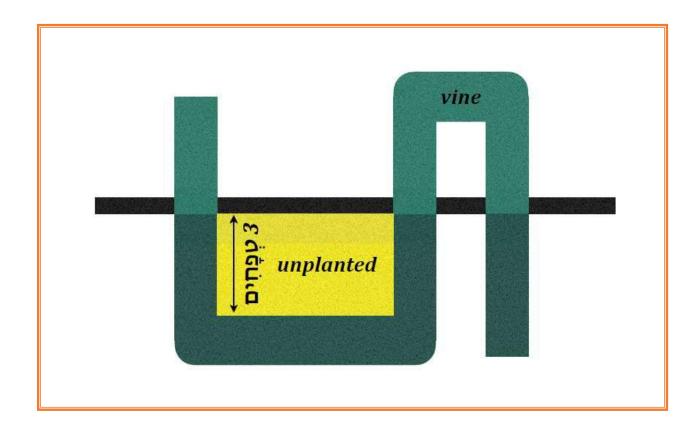


- → If a thief steals a vineyard and plants בְּלְאַיִם in it, it doesn't become אְסוּר as long as the original owner's name is still associated with the vineyard. However, if he regains the vineyard then he must uproot the בְּלְאַיִם immediately even on חוֹל הַמוֹעֵד, and must pay workers up to 1/3 more than the normal wage to do so.
- If a **vine is blown by the wind** until it is leaning over grain, he should **uproot the vine** immediately.
  - → If something out of his control delays him, it doesn't become אסור בהנאה.
- If **grain leans under a vine**, he can just **move it back**, since the roots aren't under it.
- When a grain seed is planted in a vineyard, it becomes אָסוֹר בְּהַנְּאָה as soon as it takes root, as the תוֹרָה says "the seed" becomes forbidden, but the vine becomes אָסוֹר only once it reaches the size of a white bean, as the בְּהַנְּאָה says "the thing which is full" becomes forbidden.
- If the **grain or vine has dried out**, they do not become אָסוּר בְּהַנָּאָה since they've passed the stage of "the thing which is full" and "the produce of the vineyard".
- "אֲבְּיִּלְ נְקוּבּ": If something is planted in an 'אָצִיץ נְקוּבּ' plant-pot with a hole in it at least the size of a small root and it's placed next to a vine, it becomes אְסוּר בְּהַנְּאָה since it's considered planted in the ground since it gains nourishment from it, but if it doesn't have a hole then it's only אָסוּר כִוּדְרַבָּנָן to plant it there.
  - $\rightarrow$  If he passes an אָצִיץ נְקוּב containing grain which has reached 1/3 of its growth through his vineyard, it becomes אָסוּר בְּהַנְאָה if it grows by 1/200th whilst passing it through.

ר' שִׁמְעוֹן: They are both only אֶסוּר כִוְדְּרַבְּנֶן, since it's not considered planted in the ground.



פרק ז: משנה א





- 1) בּלְאֵי הַכֶּרֶם involves planting or keeping in one's vineyard another species, and it's the only type of בלאים from which it is forbidden to benefit.
- 2) בּלְאֵי זָרְעִים involves planting or keeping in one's field 2 different seeds together.
- 3) בלאי בגדים only involves wearing clothing containing both wool and linen.
- 4) בּלְאֵי בְּהֵמָה involves directly mating or working 2 different animals together.

#### • 'כַּלָאֵי בָּהֵמָה' of animals:

- A **mule**'s status is **determined by its mother**, so a mule whose mother is a donkey may not be mated or worked with a mule whose mother is a horse.
  - → If it's unknown which animal a mule's mother was, it may not be mated or worked with any other animal.
- Although the בּלְאַיִם uses the example of "an ox and a donkey", בּלְאַיִם is forbidden with any combination of domesticated, undomesticated, kosher and non-kosher animals.
  - → However that example does exclude people.
- יְּדְכְּמִים: One who **leads** 2 different animals together and even one who **sits in a wagon** being pulled by 2 different animals receives the punishment of 'מַלְּקוֹת' lashes since he is causing them to do the work.
  - ר' מֵאִיר: One who just sits in the wagon is exempt, since he hasn't done an action to cause them to move.
- Even if 2 of the same kind of animal are attached by straps to a wagon and are able to pull it, it's forbidden to tie a different kind of animal to the **straps** for it to assist.
- One may not tie an animal to the **side or back of a wagon** in order to train it if the wagon is being pulled by another type of animal, since it is likely to push the wagon slightly at some point, which is considered working with the other animal.
- A **fierce donkey** which is similar to a camel is still considered a different kind of animal to a camel.

#### What category different animals are in:

- 1) אַדְנֵי הַשְּׂדֶה a violent creature whose hands, feet and face are similar to a human's and whose life is dependent on being connected to the ground via a cord coming out of its belly button is considered a 'חיה' undomesticated animal.
  - יר' יוֹסֵיק: Because of its human-like characteristics, when it's dead it can transfer עוֹמְאָה to other things via 'טוֹמְאַת אֹהֶל' – impurity which is transferred by being under the same roof, underneath or above the source of impurity.
- 2) אָרָמִים: A **hedgehog** and a **weasel which lives in bushes** are considered a חַיָּה, so if it dies and somebody touches or carries a עמא of it, he becomes עמא.
  - יוֹסֵי מְשׁוֹם בֵּית שַׁמַאיֹ or דִיְה one of the 8 creeping animals mentioned in the תּוֹרָה which when dead make those who touch a בְּעַדְשָׁה (size of a lentil) of them עָמֵא so we are stringent and if one carries a עָמֵא or touches a בְּעַדְשָׁה or touches a עָמֵא.





# כָּלָאַיִם

- 3) בְּהֵקִים: A **wild ox** is considered a **'בְּהֵקְה' domesticated animal –** like a regular ox. ר' יוֹקֵי so is a different kind of animal to a regular ox.
- 4) <mark>חַיָּכְמִים</mark>: A **dog** is considered a חַיָּה. בּהֵכִוּה: It's considered a בּהֵכָוּה.
- 5) A **pig** is considered a בְּהֵמְה.
- 6) A wild donkey, elephant and monkey are considered types of חַיָּה.



#### • כלאים – 'כלאי בגדים' of clothes:

- The only 2 materials which may not be worn if they are both contained in one item of **clothing** are wool from a sheep and linen from flax.
  - → So too, the only clothes which become אָרֵעַת if אָרֵעָת appears on them are those made of wool or linen.
  - $\rightarrow$  So too, the פֿהַנים must wear when serving in the בּית is comprised of both wool and linen threads.
- If wool of a sheep gets mixed with camel's hair such that the camel's hair makes up the majority, the wool is 'בְּטֵל בְּרוֹב' nullified in the majority and it's all considered camel's hair.
  - $\rightarrow$  The same applies if flax is mixed with קנבוֹס (similar but not the same as flax).
- Because silk wasn't common, different types of silk could be mistaken for wool or linen, so they must be treated as such because of 'מראית העין' the appearance of sinning.
- Although the מִדְרַבְּנָן forbids כִּלְאֵיִם going "upon you", מִדְרַבְּנָן one may not even sit on soft **mats and cushions**, or hard ones if one's skin touches them, in case threads come off and stay "upon" him.
  - → This is not a concern regarding sitting on a saddle, but it's forbidden to drape a saddle on one's shoulder even to take out rubbish on it.
- בּלְאִים may not be worn even as an insignificant item of clothing, even temporarily, even on top of 10 other items of clothing such that it doesn't provide him with warmth, and even to avoid having to pay an unfair and illegal tax by wearing it.
- תַּבְּר תּוֹרָה: Towels for drying one's hands or body and cloths for covering a מֵבֶּר תּוֹרָה aren't intended to be worn so may be used even if they contain בּלְאִים. It's forbidden, since they are sometimes used to keep one warm.
- The garment worn to cover one's clothes whilst having a haircut may not contain בּלָאִים, since this is worn in a similar way to regular clothing.
- One may bury somebody in **shrouds containing בְּלְאֵיִם**, since it provides no warmth to the dead person, and the dead person is no longer obligated in מָצוֹת.
- One may wear בּלְאֵיִם in order to show his customers what it looks like, and one may sow כּלְאִים on his lap, as long as his intention is not to protect him from the heat or cold, since 'דְּבָר שֶׁאֵינוֹ מִתְבַוֵן מוּהָר' one may do something generally forbidden if his intention is not for the forbidden result.
  - ightarrow Those who are particular with מצות should show customers the clothes on a hanger and sow on the ground or a table instead.
- י וְּדְכְמִים: If one **buys woollen clothes**, he must check whether they contain linen before wearing them. This is true even if they are bought in coastal cities of אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל which weren't reconquered by בֻּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ when he returned there to build the 2nd בֻּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ, even though linen was uncommon, since it's easy to check.
  יבית הַמִּקְדָשׁ If it's bought in those coastal cities, they don't need to be checked since there's

a חַּיָּקְה (presumption) that they don't contain linen since it was expensive so uncommon.



- A **shoe which has a woollen lining** in the inside doesn't need to be checked for linen, since it was known that the lining was pure wool.
- The בּלְאֵי בְּגָּדִים by the name "שַׁצְטְנֵז", which is an acronym for 'שׁוּעַ' (smooth, i.e. combed), 'עָווּי' (spun into threads) and 'נוּז' (woven), which teaches that only clothes which have been processed properly are included in the prohibition.
  - → Even if only one of these processes has been done, it's אָסוּר מִדְּרַבְּנָן, e.g. felt which is only combed, and the few thick threads of wool attached to the surrounding of linen clothing, although it isn't woven in the same way.

יבָלוֹי (to turn away), which hints to the fact that one who wears בְּלְאַיִם has turned away from Hashem who therefore turns away from him.

- ר' יוֹסֵי: One may not even loosely attach a woollen belt to a linen cloak.
- One may wear a belt which contains a part which is wool and a part which is linen if they aren't next to each other, unless they are at either end and thus **tied together**.
- A person's **initials sown into an item of clothing** is considered part of the clothing so if it's wool on linen or vice versa, it cannot be worn.
- If one puts a thread once through something made of wool and something made of linen, they aren't considered one item of clothing unless he threads it back so that the thread goes through 2 holes in the materials.

ר' יְהוּדְה. They're only considered once item of clothing if he threads it through a third hole.

- → If they are considered one item, then one who unstitches it on חַיָּב is חַיָּב.
- → If they are considered one item, then if one of the parts becomes טמא then it all becomes פְּרָה אַדּוֹמְה are sprinkled on just part of it, it all becomes עָהוֹר.



- 1. List the 4 types of בָּלְאַיִם.
- 2. What type of בְּלָאֵיִם in a field does apply even to trees?
- **3.** If seeds of Species 1 fall into seeds of Species 2, up to how much of the mixture can be made up of Species 1 to allow one to plant the mixture?
- **4.** What is a ראש תור?
- **5.** What distance must be left in between 2 different grain seeds?
- **6.** What distance must be left in between 2 different green plants?
- **7.** What distance must be left in between (a) an individual vine and another species, and (b) vines of a vineyard and another species?
- 8. Why are the laws of planting a gourd more stringent than other plants?
- 9. Explain the case of קַרַחת הַכָּרָם.
- 10. What is minimum number of vines which make up a vineyard?
- 11. What is מֵרְאִית הַעַיִן?
- **12.** If an individual vine is planted in a hole which is narrower than 4 אַמּוֹת, why may one not plant another species in that hole according to ר' יוֹסֵי?
- 13. Define what מְקְדֵשׁ means in the context of בָּלְאַיִם.
- **14.** What is an אָרִיס?
- 15. Define what אֲבוֹדָה refers to in the context of בָּלְאַיִם.
- **16.** If one drapes a vine onto part of a fruit tree, may one plant another species underneath the rest of the tree and why?
- **17.** What is הַבְּרָכָה?
- **18.** How is the status of a mule determined?
- **19.** May one sit on soft mats which contain שַׁצֵּטְנֵז and why?
- **20.** In what context apart from שַׁצְעְנְגוּ are wool and linen different to other materials?