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Overview

Siman 202 Seif 7:

Regarding dates that were mashed into a dough-like mass and one removed the pits, the beracha does not change and one recites בורא פרי העץ and afterwards מעין שלש. Accordingly, the same is true regarding פווידלא called לטווערן the beracha is בורא פרי העץ, but some opinions maintain that one should recite שהכל. It is correct to be cautious l'chatchila and recite שהכל but if one recited בורא פרי העץ he fulfilled his obligation since that appears to be the primary opinion.

- Even though the dates were completely ground the beracha remains פרי העץ since the essence of the dates are still there. (M.B. 40)
- There is a disagreement whether the dissenting opinion disagrees only with regards to פווידלא but agrees regarding dates or whether he disagrees even regarding dates. L'halacha it doesn't matter since halacha follows Shulchan Aruch's opinion regarding dates that as long as the essence is present one recites the beracha בורא פרי העץ but regarding פווידלא that lost its appearance altogether and it is no longer discernible what the food is one should l'chatchila recite שהכל. Regarding the beracha acharona, one would have to eat another fruit from the seven species as well as another food that requires בורא נפשות. If that option is not practical one should recite מעין שלש since Rema implies that this is the primary opinion. (M.B. 42)
- The beracha on fruit that is squeezed out and made into a confection is שהכל since it lost its appearance, but b'dieved if one recited its regular beracha he fulfilled his obligation. (M.B. 43)
- If most times the food is eaten ground up, even l'chatchila one would recite its appropriate beracha. (M.B. 44)

Siman 202 Seif 8:

One recites שהכל on honey that oozes from dates and the same is true regarding other liquids that ooze from different varieties of fruit that one recites שהכל except for olives and grapes.

- The same is true for liquid that is extracted by crushing or squeezing a fruit. (M.B. 45)

Halacha Highlight

Potato kugel, latkes and cornflakes

Shulchan Aruch Siman 202 Seif 7
תמרים שמעכן ביד ועשה מהם עסה
Dates that were mashed and made into a dough-like substance

Shulchan Aruch (סע' ז') discusses the beracha that is recited when one mashes dates into a dough-like substance. He rules that the beracha remains בורא פרי העץ and the beracha afterwards is מעין שלש. Mishnah Berurah (סק"מ) explains that although the dates were mashed completely, the beracha remains פרי העץ since the substance of the fruit is still present. He then notes that the same halacha is true if one mashes potatoes (ער"ד עפיל). Accordingly, Rav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv (קובץ תשובות ח"ג סי' ל"ב) ruled that one recites האדמה when one eats potato panckakes (לטקס, לביבות). Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach (ותן ברכה קונטרס התשובות לסי' ר"ב) also ruled that the correct beracha on potato kugel is האדמה. Furthermore, he ruled that one should also recite בורא פרי האדמה on mashed potatoes that are made from potato flakes. His reasoning is that since after adding water its appearance as potatoes returns, the correct beracha is האדמה. On the other hand, if one eats carrot pancakes or carrot kugel, he ruled that one should recite שהכל since it is not so recognizable that the food is made from carrots.

Concerning the correct beracha on cornflakes, it depends on the manner in which the cornflakes are made. Some manufacturers pound the kernel of corn into a "flake" whereas other manufacturers make corn flour and then shape the corn flour into flakes. If the cornflakes are made from corn flour, the correct beracha in שהכל but when the cornflakes are made from crushing the kernel of corn into the shape of a cornflake the correct beracha is האדמה. In the event that one does not know whether the cornflake was made from corn flour or whether it was made by crushing kernels of corn, one should recite האדמה since technically one recites a food's regular beracha when eating it crushed (חיי משה).