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Overview

<u>Siman 320 Seif 7:</u>

Regarding squeezing pickles (fruit or vegetables placed in vinegar and salt to prevent it from rotting) **and cooked vegetables, if one wants the food and has no interest in the liquid and the squeezing is done to improve the food, it is permitted even if the liquid is squeezed into a plate that does not contain food. If one wants the liquid it is permitted to squeeze the juice into a pot that contains food but if it does not contain food it is prohibited. According to Rabbeinu Chananel any time one wants the juice it is Biblically prohibited even if one squeezed the juice into a pot that contains food.** (According to his opinion squeezing grapes into a pot is also prohibited.)

- It is not considered *mefarek* since one is improving the food and there is no value to the extracted liquid. Even if the liquid is squeezed into a plate it is permitted since he has no interest in the liquid. (M.B. 24)
- It is also permitted to squeeze out fat that is absorbed in noodles if it is done because one cannot eat the noodles due to the presence of the fat. (M.B. 25)
- It is prohibited to squeeze it for use after Shabbos. (M.B. 26)
- Although it is generally permitted to squeeze juice from fruit, the reason is that since people do not use the juice it is comparable to separating food from food but in this case the fruit absorbed liquid and it is that same liquid that he is extracting and thus prohibited. (M.B. 29)
- Rabbeinu Chananel maintains that one who wants the liquid is liable even regarding preserved and cooked vegetables. He also maintains that one is liable even is he squeezes the liquid into a food. One who is stringent in accordance with his view will be blessed. (M.B. 30)

<u>Siman 320 Seif 8:</u>

Squeezing a fish for its juice is the same as squeezing preserved or cooked vegetables for their liquid.

- Shulchan Aruch refers to liquid that the fish absorbed but squeezing out the liquid that originated from the fish is permitted the same as it is permitted to squeeze other fruit for their juice. (M.B. 31)

Halacha Highlight

<u>Squeezing pickled vegetables</u>

Shulchan Aruch Siman 320 Seif 7

כל שהוא למימיהן חיב חטאת

Any time one wants the liquid it is Biblically prohibited

Shulchan Aruch (סע' ז') presents Rabbeinu Chananel's stringent opinion that one who squeezes a vegetable for the liquid that comes out has violated a Biblical prohibition even if the liquid falls into a food. Mishnah Berurah (סק"ל) explains that Rabbeinu Chananel disagrees regarding two points. The first is that when one squeezes a pickled or cooked vegetable for its liquid he has violated the Biblical prohibition against squeezing liquid from a vegetable. Secondly, he maintains that when one intends to extract the liquid he has violated the Biblical prohibition even though the liquid falls into food. He then notes that all of the other *Poskim* disagree and maintain that when a liquid is extracted into a food it is treated as a food and thus permitted and the *halacha*, in fact, follows their opinion. Nevertheless, Shulchan Aruch mentions Rabbeinu Chananel's opinion to indicate that it is appropriate for one to be stringent in accordance with his position and one who does so will be blessed.

Biur Halacha (ד"ה ולרבינו חננאל וכו') points out that when he wrote in the Mishnah Berurah that all opinions disagree with Rabbeinu Chananel, he was referring to the issue of squeezing liquid from a fruit into a food. However, concerning his position that one is Biblically liable for squeezing a pickled or cooked vegetable for its liquid, there are other authorities who subscribe to that opinion. Interestingly, Rabbeinu Chananel agrees with the ruling in *seif* 1 that it is permitted to squeeze other fruit for their liquid. The reason for the distinction must be that it is common for people to squeeze the liquid from pickled or cooked vegetables as opposed to most fruit that are not commonly squeezed for their fruit. Alternatively, he may maintain that since the liquid absorbed by the pickled or cooked vegetables existed even before entering the vegetable it retains its status as a liquid and thus it is prohibited to squeeze it out on Shabbos.