The Chicago Center
Digest
Mishna Berura
THE DAILY RESOURCE FOR MISHNA BERURA YOMI
Mon, May 27, 2024 ■ י"ט אייר, תשפ"ד
סימן תק"י סעיף א'-ב'

# Overview

Siman 510 Seif 1:

**It is permitted to rub ears of grain or husk legumes on Yom Tov in the normal manner. One may sift small quantities and eat it even with a קנון or תמחוי but not with a טבלא, נפה, or כברה.**

- One may rub wheat when it is soft since it is an unusual manner of threshing. On Shabbos one must rub the grain with the ends of one's fingers. (M.B. 1)
- Some authorities are stringent and require a deviation, i.e., using the end of one's fingers. (M.B. 3)
- On Yom Tov we are more lenient. (M.B. 4)
- Using these utensils gives the impression as though one is doing it for the following day. (M.B. 5)

Siman 510 Seif 2:

**One who selects legumes on Yom Tov may select them in the normal manner in his lap and with a תמחוי** (if one will eat them that day) **but one may not use a טבלא, נפה, or כברה. This applies when the food is more abundant than the refuse but if there is more refuse than food, one selects the food and leaves behind the refuse. If more exertion will be involved in removing the refuse from the food than removing the food from the refuse, even though there is more food than refuse, one should select the food and leave behind the refuse.** Regarding hazelnuts and walnuts that were broken but are still in their shell, the shell is not considered refuse since they remain in their natural state and are still mixed.

- It is preferred to limit the exertion and select the refuse which is the smaller part of the mixture. (M.B. 6)
- The emphasis is that even if one does not intend to eat immediately it is permitted provided that it will be eaten that day. (M.B. 7)
- In such a circumstance it is preferred to select the refuse since it is the smaller part of the mixture. If the mixture is comprised of equal proportions, one may choose either but if the food pieces are smaller one should select the refuse. (M.B. 8)
- It is improving the food and one may select either part. Later authorities agree that one should select whichever one involves less exertion. (M.B. 10)

# Halacha Highlight

## Selecting on Yom Tov

Shulchan Aruch Siman 510 Seif 2

**הבורר קטניות ביום טוב**

**One who selects on Yom Tov**

Shulchan Aruch (סע' ב') rules that on Yom Tov it is permitted for one to select legumes in the normal manner, meaning in his lap and with a *tamchui*. Rema adds that this is allowed only if one intends to eat the legumes on Yom Tov. Mishnah Berurah (סק"ו) explains that Shulchan Aruch is teaching that on Yom Tov it is permitted for one to remove the refuse from the beans and it is not necessary to remove the food from the refuse as is required on Shabbos since removing the food from the refuse would involve greater exertion and on Yom Tov the priority is to minimize one's exertion. Mishnah Berurah (סק"ז) further explains that Biblically, the *melacha* of selecting does not apply on Yom Tov since it is a *melacha* that is performed for eating purposes and is in the same category as baking and cooking. For that reason it is permitted for one to select on Yom Tov for later use on that same day, in contrast to Shabbos when it is permitted only if the selection is performed for immediate use.

Biur Halacha (ד"ה אם רוצה) explains that Mishnah Berurah follows Magen Avrohom's position that selecting is completely permitted on Yom Tov. However, Taz subscribes to the opinion that maintains that selecting on Yom Tov is permitted only for immediate use but one may not select for subsequent use, even on the same day. Additionally, Biur Halacha writes that according to Taz one may not select on Yom Tov if the selection could have been performed before Yom Tov. In his conclusion he writes that those who adopt a lenient position and permit selecting the refuse from the food even when the selection could have been performed before Yom Tov have authorities upon whom to rely but *l'chatchila* one should be strict and if the selection could have been performed before Yom Tov, one should select the food from the refuse rather than vice versa. Shulchan Aruch HaRav (סע' ה') adopts a more stringent position and rules in accordance with Taz that it is prohibited to select the refuse from the food if the selection could have been performed before Yom Tov (פסקי תשובות אות א').