

## That a rock separates

## דמפסיק צונמא -

### Overview

The גמרא explains the reason he does not need to distance (if not for הכרם) is because a rock separates the two fields therefore the roots of his tree will not penetrate into his neighbor's field. תוספות explains why the need to distance (even) on account of הכרם.<sup>1</sup>

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תוספות asks:

ואם תאמר אמאי צריך ד' אמות פשיטא שחוץ לצונמא לא יחרוש שלא יועיל<sup>2</sup> כלום לאילן -  
And if you will say; why is it necessary to distance the tree ד' אמות (even if we are concerned for הכרם); for it is obvious that he will not plow past the rock (which is on the border between the fields) for that will not help the tree at all –

תוספות answers:

ויש לומר<sup>3</sup> כשיחרוש עד הצונמא וירצה להפוך המחרישה לצד אחר –  
And one can say that when he will plow up to the rock and will want to turn the plow around to the other side (to plow there) –  
המחרישה יכנס לשדה חבירו:  
the plow will enter his neighbor's field.<sup>4</sup>

### Summary

There is a need to distance ד' אמות even if מפסיק צונמא in order that he does not enter his neighbor's property when he is turning the plow around.

### Thinking it over

According to תוספות understanding that the ד' אמות is to prevent the turning around of the plow,<sup>5</sup> why is this called עבודת הכרם (since there is no עבודת הכרם in these ד' אמות)?!

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<sup>1</sup> here means that he will plow the area of ד' אמות around the tree, therefore if he will plant the tree within ד' אמות, when he will be plowing around his tree, his plow will inevitable enter into his neighbor's property.

<sup>2</sup> We only plow the soft earth around the tree, so it receives more nourishment, no one plows on a rock! The question is if it is מפסיק צונמא there is no need to distance the tree at all since he will not plow by the rock!

<sup>3</sup> See רש"י ד"ה אלא for an alternate answer (where he writes; וכן בשעת הבציר). See נחלת משה..

<sup>4</sup> See 'Thinking it over'.

<sup>5</sup> See footnote # 3.