

Sherds¹

חרסית –

OVERVIEW

The משנה teaches that they would indicate an ערלה orchard by placing חרסית around the boundary. חרסית interpretation of רש"י's disputes תוספות.

פירש הקונטרס² כתותי רעפים³ –

–⁴ explained חרסית to mean **crushed** (earthen) roof **shingles** רש"י

asks: תוספות

וקשה דבפרק כסוי הדם (חולין דף פח,א ושם דיבור המתחיל חרסית) חשיב⁵ חרסית ולבינה⁶ כתושה:

And there is a difficulty with this translation for in פרק כיסוי הדם he mentions חרסית and crushed bricks as two separate entities; however according to רש"י crushed bricks is חרסית.

SUMMARY

חרסית cannot be crushed earthenware

THINKING IT OVER

Why does תוספות assume⁷ that לבינה and רעפים are made from the same material?⁸

¹ This is not a precise translation (since תוספות disputes רש"י's translation).

² ד"ה חרסית.

³ These רעפים are made from earth, for חרסית as well as חרס refer to earthen materials.

⁴ old French 'טיבל' ש' is quite close to our English 'tiles'.

⁵ The משנה there discusses which materials may be used for עוץ and it includes כתושה חרסית ולבינה.

⁶ (presumably) assumes that לבינה (bricks) are also made from earth, so crushed bricks and רעפים are the same thing (according to רש"י); not two separate things. רש"י may disagree as to the makeup of לבינה.

⁷ See footnote # 6.

⁸ See בחלת משה.