

מה חרסית דלית ביה הנאה –

Just like a *Charsis* where there is no benefit from it

OVERVIEW

The משנה stated that we place חרסית by the ערלה trees to indicate that just as there is no benefit to be derived from חרסית, so too it is forbidden to derive benefit from ערלה. Our תוספות explains what is meant by, 'there is no benefit from חרסית'.

תוספות asks:

תימה לרבינו יצחק דבסוף כסוי הדם (שם, חולין פח, ב') אומר -

The רב נחמן בר רב we find that פרק כיסוי הדם in the end of ר"י is astounded, for
- ¹ said חסדא

דאין מכסים אלא בדבר שזורעים בו ומצמיח ומשמע² התם דמכסין בחרסית -

That we do not cover the blood of a זורע only with something that when you plant in it, it will grow, and it appears from the גמרא there that one may cover with חרסית; meaning that something which is planted in חרסית will grow. How can the משנה, cited here, state that חרסית is הנאה (there is הנאה for one can plant in it)?!

תוספות answers:

ותירץ רבינו תם דחרסית זורעים בו ומצמיח -

And the ר"ת answered that indeed if one plants in חרסית and it will grow (therefore it is כשר for הדם כיסוי) -

אבל אין מוציאה³ כדי נפילה⁴ לכך קרי דלית ביה הנאה -

However it will not produce as much as was planted, therefore it is referred to as - לית ביה הנאה

ואפילו מוציאה יותר מכדי נפילה⁵ הואיל ופירותיה מועטים⁶ חשיב לית בה הנאה:

And even when it produces more than was planted, nevertheless since its

¹ A similar statement is mentioned also in the משנה there (on the ע"א) in the name of רשב"ג. See footnote # 2.

² The משנה there (פח, א) actually states that one may use חרסית for הדם כיסוי. However רשב"ג states (in the משנה) that ת"ק and maintains one may not cover דם with חרסית (for it is not מצמיח), and ר"נ agrees with רשב"ג, therefore תוספות could only say that it is משמע that we cover with חרסית, but not that it states so explicitly. It is משמע that רשב"ג does not argue with ת"ק (but just makes a generalization), since ר"נ אר"ח rules like רשב"ג and if רשב"ג argues with ת"ק it is unlikely that he should rule like רשב"ג against רבים (see הישועות).

³ The marginal note amends this to read יותר מכדי נפילה.

⁴ נפילה literally means falling, referring to the seeds that fall to the ground from the hands of the planter.

⁵ See 'Thinking it over'.

⁶ The minimal profit in the actual growth, does not justify all the toil and labor planting requires.

produce is minimal it is considered **לית ביה הנאה**.

SUMMARY

is considered **לית ביה הנאה** even though things can grow in it; since the result is not profitable (for there is minimal growth), it is considered **לית ביה הנאה**.

THINKING IT OVER

When one plants in **חרסית**, is it **כדי נפילה** (יותר מ) **מוציאה** or (less than) **כדי נפילה**?