

A baker should not fill, etc.

לא ימלא נחתום כולי -

Overview

The **ברייתא** rules that a baker should not fill a barrel with water and place it in the oven right before **שבת**. Our **תוספות** explains the **גזירה**.

כדמסיק גזירה שמא יחתה -

As the **גמרא** **concludes** that the **חכמים** **decreed** that the baker may not do this, out of concern that **perhaps he will stoke** the coals –

תוספות responds to an anticipated difficulty:

אף על פי שיש שהות הרבה¹ להתחמם חיישינן שמא יצטנן -

Even though there is more than sufficient time for the water to be heated, nevertheless we are concerned that perhaps it will cool off and he will be **מחתה** -

לפי שרגילים לחמם על אש רפה² ויהא צריך לחתות:

Since it is customary to heat up the water on a low fire, and it may become necessary to be **מחתה**.

Summary

When things are heated on a low flame (even) for an extended period there is the **חיתוי** of **חשש**.

Thinking it over

What would be the rule if he placed it in the oven to be used Friday night, or **שבת** day?

¹ It seems from the **ברייתא** which states **ש וכו'** (to use for kneading), so there is ample time for the water to be heated without stoking the coals. See **רא"ש סי' לד**.

² See footnote # 1. If it is intended for **ש וכו'** they will probably use a small fire which requires stoking.