

He selects and sets it down

בורר ומניח¹ –

OVERVIEW

בורר ואוכל stated that if he had (two types of) food before him he may be בורר ומניח. Our תוספות explains why the ברייתא adds בורר ומניח.

פירוש² לצורך אחרים:

The explanation of בורר ומניח is that he may select the food and leave for the use of others.

SUMMARY

One is allowed to be בורר (not only for himself but also) for others.

THINKING IT OVER

Why cannot we say that בורר ומניח means for himself (not לצורך אחרים), and the חידוש is that not only can he be בורר ואוכל immediately, but he may even be בורר for later on שבת?³

¹ See עולא where the ד"ה reads בורר ומניח לבו ביום; indicating that this is referencing the explanation of עולא.

² The term פירוש (usually) indicates that תוספות is rejecting another (more obvious) interpretation. Here too the simple meaning of בורר ומניח means that he may be בורר even though he is מניח and not eating it now (but rather tomorrow). However this cannot be correct for עולא stated (in his explanation of the ברייתא [see footnote # 1]) that if he is בורר למחר he is חייב, therefore we must say that he is בורר ומניח לצורך אחרים who will eat it shortly. See שבת של מי for an alternate interpretation. See 'Thinking it over'.

³ See שבת של מי.