

מרחיקין את האילן [מן העיר] כ"ה אמה –

We distance the tree [from the city] twenty-five cubits

OVERVIEW

The משנה taught that we are not permitted to plant a tree within twenty five אמות of the city. The question is what is the ruling regarding planting other types of plants, like grains or vegetables.

וזרעים צריך להרחיק מן העיר עד אלף אמה דאין עושין מגרש¹ שדה:

But one must distance other crops up to one thousand אמות from the city, for it is not permitted to make the מגרש into a field.

SUMMARY

No crops may be planted within one thousand אמות of the city.

THINKING IT OVER

Why did not the משנה teach us the rule regarding זרעים as it did regarding an אילן?!

¹ The תורה writes regarding the cities given to the לויים that there needs to be a vacant space (a מגרש) of one thousand אמות around the entire city (to beautify the city). Nothing is permitted to be planted there (except trees). The same rule applies to all cities.