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Jewish Literacy Programme

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English Translation

חִוּמָש Words

to, for them (masc.)	לָהֶם
from you (masc., sing.)	מִמֶּךָ
(and) he got angry	וַיִּחַר
he shall be killed	מוֹת יִוָּמֶת
he shall pay	שְׁלָמִים יִשְׁלָמִים
(and) he built	וַיִּבְנֶן

English Translation / Explanation

G.K. Words

ל"ט מלאכות The (3)

(*The 39 creative activities forbidden on Shabbos*)

Threshing (separating food from its non-edible covering)

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- a) One may not use a sponge on Shabbos [because he will squeeze the water out - a *Toldoh* (sub-category) of **ט**]
- b) One may not squeeze any fruit that is normally squeezed for juice. *
- c) One may not squeeze lemon into tea. **
- d) If your hair got wet, you may not squeeze the water out. ***

Grinding or breaking down substances into very small particles

ט
2

- a) Anything that grows on the ground may not be cut into tiny pieces. *
- b) There are two major exceptions concerning the prohibition of grinding:
 - (i) foods that don't grow on the ground do not have a prohibition of **טזון**. **
 - (ii) there is no prohibition of grinding something that was already ground. ***
- c) You are not allowed to scrape dried mud off your shoes or clothing because it crumbles.

Selecting or sorting a mixture

ב
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Of all the melachos, the Mishnah Berurah writes that people make most mistakes with **Borer** because of their lack of knowledge of its many halachos. The general rules are:

You may select from a mixture if ALL THREE of the following conditions are met:

- a) You may take **what you want** from what you do not want;
- b) You must take **with your hand**, not with a utensil;
- c) You must be selecting it **for immediate use**.

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Selecting with wind

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Blowing a piece of dirt out of your food on **שְׁבָת** is forbidden by the **תֹּרֶה** because of **זָרָה** of **מְלָאָכָה** the.

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Chumash Words with Pesukim

to, for them (masc.) / and the waters were
for them as a wall, to their right
 and to their left

לָהּם וְהַמְּפִיעִים
 לָהּם חֹמֶה מִימִינֵם
 וּמִשְׁמָאלֵם (שםות י"ד: כ"ב)

from you (masc., sing.) / for the thing is too
 heavy **for you**

מִמֶּךָ כִּי-כָבֵד מִפְּךָ מִדְבָּר (שםות י"ח: י"ח)

(and) he became angry /
 Bilom's anger was kindled (Bilom became angry)
 and he hit the donkey with his staff

וַיַּחַר וְ
 וַיַּחַר-אָף בְּלֵעֵם
 וַיַּקְרַב אֲתָה אָתָּנוּ בְּמִקְלָה (במ"קבר כ"ב: כ"ז)

he shall be killed / whoever touches
 the mountain shall surely be put to death

מוֹת יוֹמָת וְכָל-הַגָּעָם
 בָּהָר מוֹת יוֹמָת (שםות י"ט: י"ב)

he shall pay / he shall surely pay, ox for ox

שְׁלָמִים יִשְׁלָמִים וְשְׁלָמִים שֹׂרֶת תְּחִתַּת הַשּׂוֹר
 (שםות כ"א: ל"ז)

(and) he built / Avrohom built the altar
 there...and bound Yitzchok, his son

וַיַּבְנֵן וַיַּבְנֵן שָׂם אֶבְרָהָם אֶת-הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
 וַיַּעֲקֹד אֶת-יִצְחָק בֶּןּוֹ (בראשית כ"ב ט)

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Notes

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- * Therefore, you may not squeeze out the grapefruit-half that you ate to get out the juice [but you may eat the grapefruit-half with a spoon even though some juice might be squeezed out while taking the fruit, *as long as your intention is not for the juice*].
- ** However, one can squeeze the lemon into a solid; therefore, he may squeeze it onto a spoon of sugar and then put the sugar into the tea; likewise one may squeeze a lemon onto fish.
- *** However, you may use a towel to absorb the water

טוחן

- * Therefore, you may not cut an onion into tiny pieces (dicing) [but you may cut it into small pieces that are a little larger than you usually cut it, preferably right before the meal].
- ** Therefore, one may cut meat or cheese into tiny pieces, but not with a specialized grinding utensil, like a grinder or grater.
- *** Therefore, one may crumble challoh or a biscuit [since these are made from flour that was already ground], but not with a specialized grinding utensil.

בורר

DISCUSSION

Question: How can two people do the identical action on Shabbos, one doing nothing wrong while the other is breaking one of the Melochos, that is, he is **מחלל שבת**?

Answer: There are many cases involving **Borer** that this is so! Let's just give two examples:

1) Reuven and Shimon are sitting down sharing a bowl of mixed nuts.

They both take out cashews. Reuven likes cashews and wants to eat them, so he has done nothing wrong, but Shimon wants the rest of the nuts cashew-free because he doesn't like cashews, so by taking out the cashews he has done Borer !

Reason: One is permitted to separate a mixture by taking what he **wants** and leaving what he doesn't want, but he may not take out what he doesn't want and leave the rest there.

2) Rachel and Leoh are both setting up their Shabbos tables in their houses.

They are both separating knives from the mixed cutlery.

Rachel is setting up to eat immediately after the table is set, so she has done nothing wrong.

Leoh, however, is setting up to eat after she comes home from shul, and has therefore done **Borer**.

Reason: One is only allowed to remove the good, or what she wants, for **immediate** use. If she takes the "good" but it is not for immediate use, like here, where she went to shul first, it is forbidden by the Torah.
