

Categories of Seeds

Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Kilayim, Chapter 1*



Not to plant diverse seeds¹.

It is forbidden to sow two species of seeds together.

- This only applies in *Eretz Yisrael*
- Punishment for transgression is *malkot*
- Forbidden for a Jew to sow two species even in the field of a Gentile in *Eretz Yisrael*



- A Jew is permitted to sow mixed seeds in Diaspora
- Only applies to seeds of edible plants
- Grafting however not allowed in both *Eretz Yisrael* and Diaspora
- The produce that grows from mixed seeds is permitted for consumption. It is only the sowing which is forbidden.

3 Categories of seeds:

1) *Tevuah* (grain)

- *Chitim* (wheat)
- *Kusmin* (spelt)
- *Seorin* (barley)
- *Shibolet shual* (oats)
- *Shifon* (rye)

2) *Kitniyot* (legumes): All other edible seeds for man

- *Pol* (beans)
- *Afunim* (peas)
- *Adashim* (lentils)
- *Dochan* (millet)
- *Orez* (rice) etc

3) *Zeronei Ginah* (garden seeds). Seeds cannot be eaten but fruit can.

- Sown in small fields – seeds cannot be eaten but fruits can
 - *Betzalim* (onions)
 - *Shumin* (garlic)
 - *Chatzir* (leek)
 - *Lefet* (turnip) etc
- *Minei zeraim* (types of seeds) sown in large fields
 - *Pishtan* (flax)
 - *Chardal* (mustard seed)
- *Yerakot* (vegetables) Sown only in small rows
 - *Lefet* (turnips)
 - *Tzenon* (radishes)

- *Teradim* (spinach)
- *Betzalim* (onions)
- *Kusbar* (coriander)
- *Karpas* (parsley)
- *Maror* (horse radish) etc