

Kilayim (Diverse Kinds) of Produce

Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Kilayim, Chapters 1 and 5*

 | 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

📖 | Not to sow grains or vegetables in a vineyard.²

Factors

- 5 types of grains liable *Deoraita*
- Grapes take three years before produce appears. Other species mixed in vineyard has to have similar pattern to be liable *Deoraita* (Scriptural law). – Some vegetables have this pattern.
- Punishment if transgression, is *malkot*.

 **Reminder:**

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📖 | Species dissimilar to grape pattern forbidden *Derabanan*. (I.e. species which do not take 3 years to ripen.)

Definition of a vegetable is that the leaves of the plant grow from its roots. (Each year the ‘trunk’ i.e. the root, changes.)

- Other types of plant (besides grain and some vegetables) are permitted. Trees also permitted.
- Liable at time of sowing
- Liable in *Eretz Yisrael*
- Forbidden to even benefit from produce in *Eretz Yisrael*

📖 | Liable *Derabanan* in Diaspora (Note this is more strict than *kilayim* for a regular field. This is because *kilayim* in a field we can benefit from the produce even though one gets punished for sowing, whereas with *kilayim* in the vineyard, one is not allowed to benefit from any of the produce in *Eretz Yisrael*.)

- It is forbidden even to benefit from the straw of the grain or the wood of the vine. They must be burnt.

Similarly the forbidden produce becomes *kodesh* (forbidden) and must be burnt.

- A person cannot *mekadesh* (forbid) produce that does not belong to him. I.e. if he extended his vine over his neighbours grain, his vine becomes forbidden but his neighbours grain stays permitted.
- If a bully stole one’s field and planted *kilayim* in the vineyard (i.e. grains), if the field is now known as the bully’s field, the product is forbidden *Deoraita*. (Because we assume that the owner gave up hope, even if he says he hasn’t.) Otherwise, it’s only prohibited *Derabanan*.
- If *kilayim* was planted by forces beyond one’s control (e.g. wind, then they are permitted. But as soon as owner sees this the grains must be uprooted. Otherwise they become

forbidden.)