

# A Practical Guide to Shabbos – Class #3

## Gathering and Threshing

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מתנה טובה יש לי בבית גנזי ושבת שמיה ואני מבקש ליתנה לישראל לך והודיעם: אמר ליה הקדוש ברוך הוא למשה.

The Holy One, Blessed be He, said to Moshe: I have a good gift in my storehouse, and Shabbat is its name, and I ask that I give it to Yisroel. Go and tell them.

-- Shabbat 10b

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### ***M'amer* – Gathering**

*Av Melacha* – gathering stalks of grain to make sheaves

Principle – Creating a new unit from individual pieces that (1) come from the ground and (2) are where they are normally gathered into units.

*Gezeira* – There is a rabbinic prohibition on gathering items that do not grow from the ground.

### **Possible *Toldot***

Gathering fruits from under a fruit tree  
Making a fruit basket for sale or gift  
Raking leaves into piles  
Stringing figs  
Stringing cheerios  
Collecting flowers into a bouquet  
Gathering toys scattered around the room  
Gathering silverware  
Collecting stones  
Pushing crumbs into a pile  
Stacking up plates

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### ***Dosh* – Threshing**

*Av Melacha* – Separating grain from its husk.

Principle – breaking down an object into its usable components (or into usable and unusable components); removing part of an object from its natural container

*Chayav* (Torah prohibition) – if the part you are separating is desired

*Gezeira / Assur* (Rabbinic prohibition) – if the part being separated is of nominal significance

### **Possible *Toldot***

Shelling nuts  
Peeling eggs  
Peeling a banana / orange / grapefruit / etc.  
Squeezing fruit juice from the fruit  
Sucking juice from the fruit (like oranges)  
Juice that oozes out from the fruit  
Milking a cow  
Nursing a baby  
Expressing milk for the baby to drink (into a bottle)  
Expressing milk (for relief for the mother)  
Squeezing out liquid from a cloth  
Baby wipes  
Squeezing lemon into tea  
Squeezing lemon onto fish (“*M'matek*”)

Squeezing lemon onto salad  
Squeezing a tea bag  
Squeezing brine from pickles  
Crushing snow or ice to force the water out  
Walking on snow or ice (which squeezes out water)  
Walking on wet ground (which squeezes out water)