

**HILCHOS BORER TEST**  
**RABBI YISROEL DOV WEBSTER**

- 1) What is the definition of Borer?
- 2) Does the prohibition of Borer apply only if I sort the entire mixture?
- 3) Where does the prohibition of Borer apply?
- 4) If the prohibition of borer would apply only when there is a mixture, how do you define mixture?
- 5) In the above cases we define borer as 2 different items mixed together. Does the prohibition of borer apply also to a mixture of the same type of items.
- 6) How do you define "different" items?
- 7) In the following items which items are considered same items or two different items and which are not?

roast chicken & boiled chicken	panty hose & knee highs
boiled meat & roast meat	black socks & blue socks
sweet apples & sour apples	big oranges & small oranges
forks & knives	soup spoons & tea spoons
big plates & small plates	
- 8) In order for one not to perform the prohibition of borer, what conditions must be met?
- 9) What is the definition of each of the conditions that is stated in #8?
- 10) What is the reason why under those conditions in # 8 borer is permitted?
- 11) If one has a cluster of grapes with some spoiled ones, how does one take those grapes that one wants?
- 12) If one has mixed nuts and one wants a certain type, what should one do?
- 13) If one has a pile of mixed cutlery, may one set the table before davening?
- 14) How does one define B'yad-by hand?
- 15) When is one permitted to use a fork, spoon or knife?
- 16) Is one permitted to use an apple corer?
- 17) Is one permitted to use a slotted spoon?
- 18) Is one permitted to use a vegetable peeler on Shabbos?
- 19) If one has a tea bag in liquid, can one remove the tea bag?

- 20) What does L'alter mean?
- 21) If one does not know exactly when their husband will return home from shul, when can one start their preparations for the meal?
- 22) Is one permitted to daven after doing all ones preparations for the meal?
- 23) May one change from a housecoat into Shabbos clothing or dress the children in order not to get dirty during the preparations?
- 24) Is one permitted to do the preparations of food before going to shul?
- 25) Are there any situations that one may be lenient and perform borer even though one does not fulfill all the conditions?
- 26) Is one permitted to peel an egg? Why?
- 27) Is there a prohibition of borer to remove the outer leaves of a head of lettuce?
- 28) If one has a mixture of peas and carrots on a plate and one will eat both of them but one wishes to eat the peas before the carrots. Is one permitted to remove the carrots and leave the peas?
- 29) If one permitted to remove the bones in fish?
- 30) What is the best way that one should eat watermelon?
- 31) In case # 29 and 30 what should one do in order to feed a small child or elderly person?
- 32) If one has a piece of meat with some fat is one permitted to cut off all the fat?
- 33) If there is a pile of coats and my coat is somewhere under the pile, may I remove the coats from the pile to get to mine or is it considered as taking the bad from the good?
- 34) If one wants a cucumber from a salad but the cucumber is at the bottom of the salad, how does one get to the cucumber?
- 35) If I want to set the table before going to shul but have mixed cutlery, is there any way for me to set the table?
- 36) Is one permitted to use a water filter on Shabbos?
- 37) Is one permitted to squeeze a lemon wrapped in a cloth onto a piece of fish?
- 38) Is one permitted to use a salt shaker that has some rice in it in order to absorb the moisture?
- 39) Is one permitted to pour down the kitchen sink drain leftover soup that contains both liquid and solid?
- 40) If a fly fell into a liquid, how can one remove the fly?
- 41) If I have a yogurt with some liquid sitting on top of the actual yogurt, may I drain off the liquid?
- 42) How can I take off the fat on top of my chicken soup?

- 43) How can I remove the pit from a peach?
- 44) Is one permitted to squeeze out the oil from a tuna can with the can cover?
- 45) How does one remove the cluster of seeds from a honeydew or cantaloupe?
- 46) Is one permitted to use a nut cracker to shell nuts?
- 47) If I made a cholent with bones, may I take out the bones?
- 48) Am I allowed to perform an act of borer for someone else?
- 49) If my chicken has some skin on it, may I remove it?
- 50) Is one permitted to use a tea pot that has sediments and the tea pot has a spout that will catch the sediments?
- 51) Is there a problem of borer using a pitcher that has a spout and contains ice cubes?
- 52) In # 51, what would be if the pitcher contained a lemon?
- 53) If I have a box of whole and broken matzah, may I separate them?
- 54) My cup of orange juice has pulp in it, may I strain it?
- 55) Is there any problem for me to clear the table because of borer?
- 56) If one has a bowl with mixed fruit, is there any way to separate them in order to put them away?
- 57) After the meal can one stack the dishes in a dishwasher?
- 58) If one has a case of different flavored sodas and I want a certain flavor, is there a problem of borer to take the flavor that I want?
- 59) Is there a problem of borer by taking items out of the fridge or freezer?
- 60) Is one permitted to take out a cake from the freezer in order for it to defrost due to borer?
- 61) If one would want to know if there a mixture, how can one define if it is two items or one?
- 62) If one has two of the same style skirts but in different sizes, is it considered as two different items or the same item?
- 63) If one has large toys mixed together is there a problem of borer to separate them?
- 64) If one has an apple with a small amount spoiled area, what should one do in order to remove the spoiled area?
- 65) How does one remove the head of a strawberry?
- 66) Is there a problem of borer to take sefarim out of a bookcase?
- 67) Is one permitted to wash fruit? Why?

- 68) Is one permitted to use a pot cover to pour the soup which I want and hold back the bones and vegetables?
- 69) Is one permitted to use a slotted spoon to take meat or vegetables out of the soup?
- 70) Is one permitted to prepare a fruit platter for it to be ready for one's children to eat in the park?
- 71) Is one permitted to prepare children's clothing Friday night in order for the children to get dressed Shabbos morning?
- 72) Is one permitted to select all the Siddurim from a mixture of sefarim after Shacharis and put them back into the bookcase in order for them to be available for Mincha?
- 73) Is there a prohibition of borer by peeling fruit that many people eat the peel e.g. apple?
- 74) If there is a sticker on a Challah, is one permitted to remove it?
- 75) Why do some have the Minhag to eat gefiltah fish instead of regular fish that has bones?
- 76) If one found a dairy fork with the meat cutlery, is one permitted to remove the dairy fork in order not to make a mistake later?
- 77) If one has small different pieces of a game mixed together, can one separate them?
- 78) When washing dishes is one permitted to pull out all the big plates from the sink in order to wash all of them at once and than take all of the next item etc.?
- 79) If one has orange juice with pulp, may one strain the juice in order to make a bottle for the baby?

#### Hilchos Yom Tov

- 80) Why is one permitted to cook on Yom Tov?
- 81) Is one permitted to s'hect on Yom Tov?
- 82) Is one permitted to perform an act of borer on Yom Tov?
- 83) Is one permitted to use a vegetable peeler on Yom Tov?
- 84) Is one permitted to use an apple corer on Yom Tov?
- 85) Is one permitted to use a slotted spoon on Yom Tov?
- 86) Is one permitted to use a colander on Yom Tov?
- 87) Is one permitted to use a sifter on Yom Tov?
- 88) Is there a problem using a tea bag on Yom Tov due to borer?
- 89) If I have mixed cutlery from before Yom Tov, can I set the table before going to shul?

- 90) If one has a cluster of grapes that have some spoiled grapes, is one permitted to remove the spoiled grapes from the cluster on Yom Tov?
- 91) Is one permitted to make a salad on Yom Tov before going to shul?
- 92) May one set the table on Yom Tov before going to shul?
- 93) May one prepare children's clothing Yom Tov after the evening seudah for the morning?
- 94) On Yom Tov when one prepares a salad, can one prepare enough of the salad to last for the evening meal? Why?
- 95) How does the concept of Simchas Yom Tov apply to borer?
- 96) Is one permitted to use a water filter on Yom Tov?
- 97) Is one permitted to squeeze a lemon wrapped in a cloth onto a piece of fish on Yom Tov?
- 98) If one transgressed the prohibition of borer on Shabbos, may one eat the food?
- 99) May one remove bones from fish on Yom Tov?
- 100) Is one permitted on Yom Tov to use the perforated basket that tomatoes come in to wash them?