



Overview

Halacha Highlight

Siman 319 Seif 10:

Wine or water that is clear may be filtered with a strainer even though it contains some small pieces of wood since it is fit for drinking without this. One may not use a kerchief to filter water since it involves laundering but one may filter wine or other liquids in a kerchief. If the wine or water is turbid, it may not be filtered but according to Rambam one may not use a filter even if the water or wine is clear and one may not even use a kerchief unless the liquid is clear but not when it is turbid. One may mix fresh wine with its dregs that is fermenting and it is also permitted to pour it into a kerchief.

- ❖ This does not involve selecting since it is fit for drinking even without filtering. Some are stringent and mandate that everyone could drink it before filtering and one is filtering it merely to make it clearer. (M.B. 34)
- ❖ Some authorities maintain that soaking does not involve laundering if the material is clean and the reason it is prohibited is the concern that one will squeeze out the water and thereby launder the garment. In contrast there is no concern that one will squeeze out a strainer. (M.B. 37)
- ❖ There is a disagreement whether one may pour white wine through a kerchief. (M.B. 38)
- ❖ Shulchan Aruch refers to where it is so turbid that it is not fit for drinking because if it is only slightly turbid so that it is fit for drinking but most people refrain from drinking it unless it is filtered, it is prohibited to use a strainer but permitted to use a kerchief to filter wine or other beverages since it is not common to use it for filtering. (M.B. 40)
- ❖ *Halacha* follows the first opinion. (M.B. 41)
- ❖ This is true even if it is slightly turbid and regarding this matter one should be stringent in accordance with Rambam. (M.B. 42)
- ❖ At that time all the wines are turbid and people drink it with the dregs so that one is not improving it since people drink it as is. (M.B. 43)
- ❖ According to the first opinion one may also use a filter. (M.B. 44)

Siman 319 Seif 11:

When filtering wine with a kerchief, one must be careful not to make a cavity in the kerchief to receive the wine so that he deviates from the normal manner that this is done.

Straining noodles from soup

Shulchan Aruch Siman 319 Seif 10
יין או מים צלולים מתר לסנן בשבת

It is permitted to filter clear wine or water

Shulchan Aruch (סעי' י') rules that it is permitted to filter wine or water that is clear even with a strainer. Rema adds that this is permitted even if the wine contains small pieces of wood as long as the wine is fit for drinking even without the removal of those small pieces of wood. Mishnah Berurah (ס"ק ל"ד) explains that since the wine is fit for drinking even without filtering the filtering is not considered an act of selecting. He then explains that the term "clear – צלולים" refers to a liquid that most people would drink without any further filtering. Mishnah Berurah (ס"ק ל"ה) writes that even if the wine contains a bit of mold but a small enough amount that most people would drink it, it may be filtered even with a strainer.

Some *Poskim* infer from this that it is permitted to separate, even with a utensil that is designed for straining, noodles, vegetables or pieces of meat from soup since the soup is fit for consumption even with those foods in the soup. Therefore, it is permitted for one to place a strainer containing noodles into the pot of soup before Shabbos in order to keep them warm and then remove the strainer with the noodles from soup on Shabbos. Although one is using a utensil to separate the noodles from the soup, it is permitted since one could eat the soup together with the noodles. Other authorities disagree and distinguish between wine that contains small pieces of wood and soup that contains noodles. Pieces of wood that are found in the wine do not have independent significance and since its quantity is negligible they are subordinate to the wine. As such it is not considered as though one is separating one food from another. In contrast, noodles have independent significance from the soup and thus it is no different than selecting one food item from another which is subject to the restrictions of selecting and one may not use a utensil for that purpose (פסקי תשובות אורח י"ב).

- ❖ When filtering clear wine that may be filtered even with a strainer one need not employ a deviation when using a kerchief. (M.B. 45)
- ❖ One should not behave as he does during the week. (M.B. 46)