

## Preparing for Elul: Seeing the Extent of Our Actions

### Mishna in Bava Kamma 31a

- **מִתְנִי' שְׁנֵי קָדְרִין שֶׁהָיוּ מְהֻלְכִין זֶה אַחֲרֵי זֶה, וְנִתְקַל הָרֵאשׁוֹן וְנָפַל, וְנִתְקַל הַשֵּׁנִי בְּרֵאשׁוֹן – הָרֵאשׁוֹן חַיִּיב בְּנֻזְקֵי שְׁנֵי.**

**MISHNA:** In the case of **two potters** carrying pots **who were walking one after the other** in the public domain, **and the first stumbled** on a bump **and fell, and the second stumbled over the first** and fell too, **the first is liable** to pay for the damage incurred by the second.

**Note:** *Damage to the person, not his kaylim (because damage to kaylim due to bor bershut ha'rabim is patur).*

### End of the Mishna in Makkot 21b

יש חורש תלם אחד וחיבב עליו משום שמונה לאוין: החורש בשור וחקמור, והו מוקדשין, וכלאים בכרם, ובשביעית, ויום טוב, וכהן ונזיר בבית הטומאה.

Apropos the case where one receives several sets of lashes for performing a single action, the mishna continues: **There is one who plows a single furrow and is liable** to receive lashes for violating **eight prohibitions**. How so? For **plowing with an ox and a donkey**, in violation of the prohibition: “You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together” (**Deuteronomy 22:10**); **and they are consecrated**, and therefore he is guilty of misuse of consecrated property; **and he is plowing diverse kinds in a vineyard**; **and it is during the Sabbatical Year**, when it is prohibited to work the land; **and it is on a Festival**, when plowing is a prohibited labor; **and he is both a priest and a nazirite** and is performing the plowing **in a place of impurity** imparted by a corpse, which is prohibited for both a priest (see **Leviticus 21:1**) and a nazirite (see **Numbers 6:6**).

