

RESHUS - OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:

Mishnah: If Reuven threw a rock ... (Aba Sha'ul says, cutting wood is Reshus (optional)... and only under those circumstances does he go into exile)

1. **Version #1 - Question:** What is the source that the verse discusses cutting of Reshus (optional activity) ? Perhaps he cuts for the sake of a Sukah, or to be burned on the Mizbe'ach (a Mitzvah), and even so, if he kills, he is exiled!
2. **Answer #1 - Rava:** Those examples are not Mitzvos (they are only Hechsher (preparation for) Mitzvos); If he had wood already, there would be no Mitzvah to cut more. Therefore, even if he lacks wood, cutting is not a Mitzvah.
3. **Question of Ravina from Mishnah:** This excludes a father hitting his son, a Rabbi chastising a Talmid, or a Shali'ach of Beis Din. We do not say that since if the son were learning properly, there would be no Mitzvah to hit him, even if he is not learning properly, there is no Mitzvah to hit him!
4. **Answer:** It is always a Mitzvah to hit him - "Yaser Bincha vi'Nichecha." (Even Shleimah 6:2 - one should hit to correct even a small imperfection.)
5. **Answer #2 to original Question - Rava:** A better proof is from the verse "va'Asher Yavo (*if* he will come) Es Re'ehu va'Ya'ar." This does not discuss a Mitzvah, for then he must enter!
6. **Question of Rav Ada bar Ahavah:** Does 'Asher' always refers to Reshus?! This can be questioned from the following Pasuk....
7. "V'Ish Asher Yitma" - is it always optional to become Tamei?! One must become Tamei for a Mes Mitzvah (an unattended corpse)!
8. **Answer - Rava:** There is different, for it says "Tamei Yihyeh" - in any case (i.e. sometimes he must become Tamei).

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9. **Question:** We need that verse for a different law! As we see from...
10. **Beraisa:** "Tamei Yihyeh" includes a Tevul Yom (a Tamei person who must wait until nightfall to be Tahoe) . "Od Tum'aso Bo" includes a Mechushar Kipurim [who must wait until he brings a Korban the. Next day] (if either of them enters the Mikdash, he is Chayav Kares).
11. **Answer Rava:** I learn from "Od" (this is extra, to teach that sometimes he must become Tamei).