

מצוות
לא תצטוו
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Bechukosai: (ויקרא יט:ט)

לֹא יִמָּכַר וְלֹא יִגָּאֵל

A person is not allowed to change his mind about a field he made into *Cherem*. He cannot decide instead to redeem it (“*podeh*”) by giving as much as it is worth, like he can with other things that a person promises to give to Hashem. If he gives something in a way of *Cherem*, he needs to give that actual thing he said he would to the *kohen*.

Giving Lots of Tzedakah

It used to be that people would fast as *teshuvah* for their *aveiros*, but nowadays this won't be so good for our *guf*. So instead, we give *tzedakah*. People used to fast for even “small” things, like getting angry. So we should be giving A LOT of *tzedakah*!

In the last *perek* of *Hilchos Erchin V'Charamin*, in today's Rambam, the Rambam tells us not to give away ALL of our money for *tzedakah*, only what we can afford.


In *Tanya*, in *Igeres HaTeshuvah*, the Alter Rebbe says that this is only for a person with no *aveiros*. A person who needs to do *teshuvah* can give much more *tzedakah*, the same way a sick person would pay ANYTHING to become healthy!

מִצְוֹת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (דברים כ"ט)

שְׂדֵדָה לֹא תִזְרַע כְּלָאִים

We also learn a *mitzvah* about *Kilayim*, mixing seeds: In Eretz Yisroel, we aren't allowed to plant two kinds of seeds together.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: **Mesechta Kilayim**

Rambam: Hilchos Erchin V'Charamin, Hilchos Kela'im

PEREK CHES

On *Tes-Vov Adar* (*Shushan Purim*), the *Beis Din* checks on the donations they got all year for the *Beis Hamikdash* and puts the money together with the *Machatzis Hashkefel* they just collected, so it will be ready to use for all of the things the *Beis Hamikdash* needs. All of the things need to be sold, because the *Beis Hamikdash* only uses the money!

If someone wants to give this kind of present nowadays, what do we do with it?

The person isn't allowed to use it — it is *Cherem*. He needs to put it away until he can give it to the *Beis Hamikdash*, or until it is ruined.

Mazel Tov! We now finish Sefer Hafla'ah!

PEREK ALEF

We learn about two kinds of *Kilayim*, what we aren't allowed to plant together. There are *Kilai Zeraim*, more than one kind of seeds or plants, and *Kilai Ilanos*, more than one kind of tree.

The *isur* of *kilayim* is mixing seeds from any of the kinds of plants we can eat: Grain, *kitniyos*, or vegetables. But the Rambam says that we ARE allowed to plant bitter kinds of seeds together to make medicine, since they are not from those three types.

PEREK BEIS

What happens if someone realizes that his field was by mistake planted with different kinds of seeds? How can he fix it? There are many *halachos* about what to do!

Every year, the *Beis Din* reminds everyone to check their fields to make sure there is no *Kilayim*. On *Tes-Vov Adar* (like with *Erkin*), the *Beis Din* comes around to check everyone's fields!