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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (ויקרא יט:לב)

מִפְּנֵי שִׂיבָה תִּקְוֹם וְהִדַּרְתָּ פְּנֵי זָקֵן

Today's *mitzvah* in *Sefer Hamitzvos* is to have *kavod* for a *Talmid Chochom*, especially someone who taught you Torah.

One way we show this *kavod* is by standing up for them.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: *Mesechta Kiddushin perek Alef*

Rambam: Hilchos Talmud Torah

PEREK HEY

In today's Rambam, we learn that we need to have special *kavod* for our teachers since they teach us Torah!

PEREK VOV

In *Perek Vov*, we learn that we need to show *kavod* to every *Talmid Chochom*, because of the Torah they learned! The Rambam teaches us that we also need to show *kavod* to ANYONE who is very old — even if they aren't Jewish.

It is so important to show *kavod* for a *Talmid Chochom*, that if someone doesn't, they are separated from the rest of the Yidden by being put into *cherem* until they do *teshuvah*. The Rambam also tells us the other 23 things that might make someone deserve to be put into *cherem*.

PEREK ZAYIN

Perek Zayin teaches us that *cherem* is a very serious thing. Someone who is in *cherem* isn't counted as part of a *minyan*! The Rambam teaches us that a *Beis Din* shouldn't want to put someone into *cherem*, because it is such a serious thing.