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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (ויקרא יט:ט)

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In *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we learn the *mitzvah* of *Kilai HaKerem* — not planting vegetables or grain in a vineyard, where grapes grow. Outside of Eretz Yisroel, it is *asur* from a *gezeirah* of the *Chachomim* — *Miderabanan*.

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

Rambam: Hilchos Kela'im

PEREK GIMMEL

We aren't allowed to plant different kinds of plants together. Does that mean we can't plant purple carrots next to orange carrots? No! That's okay because they are both carrots. In this *perek*, we learn what "different kinds" means. We also learn how close to each other they need to be in order to be called growing "together." If it's easy to see that they aren't being planted together, like if there is a *mechitzah*, or they are in different fields, that's not called *kilayim*.

PEREK DALED

What do we need to do if we want to plant two kinds together in the same field? Sometimes they need to be far enough apart that they can't join into one plant, and sometimes they need to LOOK like they are separate.

PEREK HEY

In this *perek* and the next four *perakim*, we will learn about *Kilai HaKerem*. The Torah is very strict about not planting other things together with grapes! Even outside of Eretz Yisroel we need to be careful with this *mitzvah*. We learn about how long the plant needs to be there, and how much it needs to grow, for it to be *asur*.