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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Re'eh: (דברים טו:ח)

מִקְצָה שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים
תּוֹצִיא אֶת כָּל מַעֲשֵׂר
תְּבוּאֹתֶיךָ וְגוֹ'

On the 3rd and 6th years from *Shemita*, we give *Maaser Ani* — *maaser* to poor people, instead of *Maaser Sheini*, which is brought during the other years and eaten in Yerushalayim.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Pe'ah, Mesechta Demai, and Mesechta Maasros. Some things are explained in other Mesechtos in Seder Zeraim, and in Mesechta Machshirin and Mesechta Yadayim

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פָּתַח תְּפִתַּח אֶת יָדְךָ

It is a *mitzvah* to give *tzedakah* to poor people. It is our job to take care of them and make sure they have what they need. Even a poor person has a *mitzvah* to give at least a little bit of *tzedakah* to others!

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When we do *mitzvos*, we use those parts of the world for *Kedusha*, so it will be ready for the *Geulah*!

Most *mitzvos* only use one part of our body to do the *mitzvah* — like wearing *Tefillin* with our hand and head, or smelling *besamim* with our nose.

But to get money, a person needs to work very hard with ALL of his *koach* and use many *Gashmius'dike* things. Then, when he uses some of that money for *Tzedakah*,

he is making ALL of these *kochos* ready for the *Geulah*!

That's why the *Chachomim* teach us that *Gedolah Tzedakah Shemekareves Es HaGeulah* — *tzedakah* is a great *mitzvah* because it brings *Moshiach* closer!

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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📖 We learn this *mitzvah* from *Parshas Re'eh*: (דברים יח:ד)

לֹא תֵאֱמָץ אֶת לִבְבְּךָ
וְלֹא תִקְפֹּץ אֶת יָדְךָ
מֵאֲחִיךָ הָאֲבִיוֹן

We are not allowed to ignore poor people and not help them when we really can.

Rambam: Hilchos Matnos Aniyim

PEREK CHES

We learn that saying that we will give *Tzedakah* is like making a *neder*, and we need to keep it. We also learn about a *Goy* giving *Tzedakah*, and finally about the great *mitzvah* of *Pidyon Shevuyim*, helping a *Yid* come out of jail. The Rambam says that there is no bigger *mitzvah* than this one!

PEREK TES

We learn that every city should have a *Gabbai* who is in charge of giving out *Tzedakah* to people who need. Everyone in the city should give money to this *Gabbai* for him to give out to the poor.

PEREK YUD

This is a very important *perek* to know! It is a good idea to learn it inside and pay attention to the details.

The Rambam tells us how special it is to give *tzedakah*, and that even when we can't give, we should try to make the poor person feel good. Also, helping other people to give *Tzedakah* is even BETTER than giving yourself!

The Rambam also teaches us about:

- 8 levels of *Tzedakah*
- giving *Tzedakah* before *davening*
- not taking *Tzedakah* unless someone really needs to.

We need to trust in Hashem Who will make sure we have everything we need!