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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (במדבר יח:כו)

רֵאשִׁית דְּגַנְךָ וְגו' תִּתֶנּוּ לוֹ

We need to give the first part of the food we grow, called *Terumah Gedolah*, to the *kohen*. (This *mitzvah* is only in Eretz Yisroel.)

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

Rosh Hashana for Terumah

It says in the *Mishna* that there are four “*Rosh Hashanas*,” four days in the year that are the beginning of the year for certain things. (For example, you might call the first day of school the start of the school year, even though it’s really before *Rosh Hashana*.)

Chamisha Asar B’svat is the start of the year for *mitzvos* that have to do with trees, like taking off *terumah* and *maaser*, which need to be taken off for each year separately.

Even though some of these *mitzvos* aren’t kept nowadays, and none are kept outside of Eretz Yisroel, it is a *minhag* to celebrate on *Chamisha Asar B’svat*!

Chassidus explains that every Yid is like a little Eretz Yisroel! Just like Eretz Yisroel has seven special fruits, we also have these seven special “fruits” (*kochos*) inside us.

Chassidus shows us how to use our “fruits” to do better in our *Avodas Hashem*!

For example, the *Rimon* (pomegranate): The *Gemara* says that every Yid is full of *mitzvos* like a pomegranate. In our *Avodas Hashem*, we should be trying to fill ourselves up with *mitzvos*, by always looking for more *mitzvos* to do! We can try to find ways to learn more Torah, do favors for other people, or say *Tehillim*!

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Korach: (שמות כב:בז)

וְאֵל הַלְוִיִּם תִּדְבֹר וְאָמַרְתָּ
אֲלֵהֶם כִּי תִקְחוּ מֵאֵת בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת הַמַּעֲשֵׂר אֲשֶׁר
נָתַתִּי לָכֶם מֵאֵתֶם בְּנַחֲלַתְכֶם
וְהֵרַמְתֶּם מִמֶּנּוּ תְרוּמַת ה'
מַעֲשֵׂר מִן הַמַּעֲשֵׂר

The *Leviim* need to give *maaser* from the *maaser* they get from Yidden, to give to the *kohen*. This is called “*Terumas Maaser*” or “*Maaser Min HaMaaser*.”

They need to give the BEST part to the *kohen*!



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Terumos, Mesechta Maasros, and many places in Mesechta Demai

Rambam: Hilchos Terumos

PEREK ALEF

The Rambam starts talking about WHERE the food needs to grow to need to take *Terumah*.

PEREK BEIS

Now the Rambam tells us the KINDS of foods that need *Terumah*, like if we need to take *Terumah* from *Leket*, *Pe'ah*, or *hefker* foods. We learn what happens if the food becomes *tomei* or mixed up with other foods. We also learn about making a *bracha* when we take *Terumah*, and not taking it outside of Eretz Yisroel, because it will become *tamei*.

PEREK GIMMEL

Now we learn the first 3 *mitzvos*, which are: separating *Terumah*, separating *Terumas Maaser*, and doing them in the right order.