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📌 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Savo: (שמות כ"ט)

וְאָמַרְתָּ לְפָנַי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בְּעֶרְתִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ מִן הַבַּיִת
וְגַם נָתַתִּיו לְלוֹי וְלִגֵּר
לִיתּוֹם וְלֹאֲלִמְנָה וְגו'

On *Erev Pesach*, on the 4th and 7th years since *Shemita*, there is a *mitzvah* called “*Vidui Maaser*.” A person needs to say to Hashem that he brought the *maaser* that he was supposed to.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Last perek of Mesechta Maaser Sheini

Vidui Maaser

The Vidui Maaser is three pesukim in Parshas Ki Savo, starting with the words that we learn this mitzvah from. A person can say it in any language:

I have taken the holy presents for Hashem out of my house, and I have also given the presents to *Shevet Levi* and the presents to the poor, the *Ger*, the orphans and widows, in the right order according to Your *mitzvos*. I have not gone against Your *mitzvos* by switching what was given, and I have not forgotten to thank Hashem for this *mitzvah*.

I didn't eat *Maaser Sheini* when I was an *Onen*, I didn't eat it when I was *tomei* or the food was *tomei*, and I didn't use it for a *Meis*, which is *asur*. I listened to Hashem by bringing it to Yerushalayim, and followed the *halacha* about being happy.

So now, Hashem, look down on us from *Shomayim* and bless the Yidden and Eretz Yisroel, the land You gave us like You promised the *Avos*, a land flowing with milk and honey.

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (דברים כוה)

ראשית בכורי אדמתך תביא בית ה' אלקיך

We also learn the *mitzvah* of *Bikurim* — we bring the first fruit of the *Shiva Minim* that grow in our fields to the *Beis Hamikdash*, for the *kohanim*. (This *mitzvah* is only in Eretz Yisroel, when we have the *Beis Hamikdash*. We hope that *Moshiach* will come very soon so that we will be able to keep it this year!)



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

Rambam: Hilchos Maaser Sheini VeNeta Reva'i, Hilchos Bikurim

PEREK YUD-ALEF

The year after we give *Maaser Ani* for the poor (the 4th and 7th year), we need to do *Vidui Maaser*. *Vidui Maaser* is telling Hashem formally that we gave all of the presents and *maaser* we needed to give. We can't do this until we actually gave them to the poor, the *kohanim*, or the *Beis Hamikdash* — it's not enough to just set them aside.

PEREK ALEF

There are 24 presents that belong to the *kohanim*. Eight of these presents can only be eaten by the *kohanim* in the *Beis Hamikdash*, and five others can only be eaten inside Yerushalayim! In these *perakim*, we will learn *halachos* about these presents that we didn't learn about already in other parts of the Rambam.

PEREK BEIS

Now we start learning about the present of *Bikurim*! We bring *bikurim* from the seven special fruits of Eretz Yisroel: Wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. We take *bikurim* from the nicest fruits that grew in our fields. We have to bring the actual fruit — we can't bring pomegranate juice instead of whole pomegranates. If we live too far away from Yerushalayim we are allowed to bring dried figs and raisins, since the fresh ones will get bad on the way.