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לא תעשה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Re'eh: (במדבר ט"ז:)

לֹא תֹכֵל לֶאֱכֹל
בְּשַׁעֲרֵיךָ וְגוֹ'
וּתְרוֹמַת יָדֶיךָ

It is *asur* for a *kohen* to eat the *Bikurim* that were brought to the *Beis Hamikdash* out of Yerushalayim.

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

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Savo: (דברים י"ז:)

וְעֲנִיתָ וְאָמַרְתָּ לְפָנָי ה'
אֱלֹהֵיךָ אֲרָמִי אֲבִד אָבִי

When a person brings his *Bikurim* to the *Beis Hamikdash*, he needs to do “*Mikra Bikurim*” — thank Hashem for all He has done for us. (The things that he says are part of what we say in *Maggid* of our *Haggadah*! These *pesukim* are the ones that talk about how Hashem saved us since the time of Yaakov *Avinu* until he brought us the goodness of Eretz Yisroel.)

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Bikurim and perek Zayin of Mesechta Sotah

Kavod for Bringing Bikurim

There is a *halacha* that when a Yid brings his *Bikurim* to Yerushalayim,

other people who see him need to stand up for him.

The Alter Rebbe explains why in *Tanya*:

Even though Hashem creates the world all the time and His *chayus* fills the world, there is a special *chayus* of Hashem which is separate from the world. When we do a *mitzvah*, we become connected to this special *chayus* of Hashem!

When a Yid is doing a *mitzvah*, he is close to this special *kedusha* of Hashem. We stand up to show *kavod* for that!

See Tanya Perek Mem-Vov

Rambam: Hilchos Bikurim

PEREK GIMMEL

There are seven things we need to do the *mitzvah* of *Bikurim* properly:

- 1) Bring the *bikurim* to Yerushalayim
- 2) in a container,
- 3) say a special paragraph telling Hashem we brought them
- 4) and bring a *Korban Shelamim*
- 5) with singing,
- 6) then wave the *bikurim* around (like a *Lulav* — called *Hanofas HaBikurim*)
- 7) and stay overnight in Yerushalayim.

PEREK DALED

But there are times when someone DOESN'T need to do all seven of these things — for example, a woman doesn't say the special paragraph (there are some words in it that only make sense for a man to say!).

PEREK HEY

Now we start to learn about *Hafroshas Challah*. Even though really this *mitzvah* only needs to be kept in Eretz Yisroel, we do it nowadays all over the world, so we won't forget about the *mitzvah*!