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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Behar: (ויקרא כה:י)

וּסְפַרְתָּ לְךָ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים וְגו'

It is a *mitzvah* to count the years until *Yovel* — after every 7 *Shemita* years, it is *Yovel*!

This is a *mitzvah* for the *Sanhedrin*. Just like every Yid counts the days of *Sefiras Ha'omer*, the *Sanhedrin* counts 49 years, and the 50th year is *Yovel*.

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וּקְדַשְׁתֶּם אֶת שְׁנַת הַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה

We need to make the *Yovel* year holy, like *Shemita* — not planting and working the land, and making the food that grows *hefker*.

This *mitzvah* is only kept in Eretz Yisroel, when all of the *Shevatim* are living in their own parts of Eretz Yisroel.

## Moshiach's Job

The Rambam tells us that *Moshiach's* role according to *halacha* is to bring back the Torah and *mitzvos* to their complete state.

He will build the *Beis Hamikdash* so we can keep all of the *mitzvos* that have to do with the *korbanos* and the *Avodah*. *Moshiach* will need to bring back all of the Yidden to Eretz Yisroel, because only when all Yidden live there can we keep the *mitzvos* of *Shemita* and *Yovel*.

See Rambam Hilchos Melachim Perek Yud-Alef

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וְהֵעֲבַרְתָּ שׁוֹפָר תְּרוּעָה  
בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבַעִי בְּעֵשׂוֹר  
לַחֹדֶשׁ בְּיוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים  
תַּעֲבִירוּ שׁוֹפָר בְּכֹל  
אֶרְצְכֶם ... וּקְרַאתֶם דְּרוֹר  
בְּאֶרֶץ לְכֹל יֹשְׁבֵיהָ

We blow the *Shofar* on *Yom Kippur* of the *Yovel* year, to show that all Jewish slaves need to go free.

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה

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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Behar: (ויקרא כה:יא)

לֹא תִזְרְעוּ

We are not allowed to work in the fields during *Yovel*.

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה

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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Behar: (ויקרא כה:יא)

וְלֹא תִקְצְרוּ אֶת סְפִיחֵיהָ

We aren't allowed to harvest food that grew by itself during *Yovel*.

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה  
#226

📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Behar: (ויקרא כה:כד)

וְלֹא תִבְצְרוּ אֶת נִזְרֵיהָ

We are not allowed to harvest fruit that grew during *Yovel*.

## Rambam: Hilchos Shemita VeYovel

### PEREK VOV

Food that grows during *Shemita* is holy! We are not allowed to sell it like we sell regular fruits and vegetables. We can only sell a little bit of it at a time (like enough to eat for one day), and the money we get for selling it becomes holy too! We can only use the money to buy food to eat. Once we buy the food, the money loses its *kedusha*, and the food we bought gets *Kedushas Shvi'is*.

### PEREK ZAYIN

We are allowed to gather food that grew by itself during *Shemita* to eat during *Shemita*. But once that kind of food stops growing, we aren't allowed to have it in our house anymore! So once the grapes are all finished for the year, and there are no more grapes in the vineyards, we can't have them at home either. We need to do "*Biur*" (like *Biur Chometz!*) of all of that food! On the day of *biur*, we can try to give out whatever *Shemita* grapes or raisins we have left for people to eat that day, and whatever is left needs to be burned.

### PEREK CHES

We need to be careful not to help a person do an *aveira* by helping them do something *asur* during *Shemita*. For example, a person is not allowed to sell a plow to someone that we know might use it during *Shemita*.