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עֲשֵׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (במדבר יח:ב)

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Today's *mitzvah* is to have *yirah* for the place of the *Beis Hamikdash* — “*Umikdashi Tira'u!*”

There are certain things we do to show our *yirah*. For example, we don't go onto the *Har Habayis* with our walking stick or our shoes, or use it as a shortcut. It is also the reason we are not allowed to sit in the *Azarah*.

This *mitzvah* is also for nowadays, when there is no *Beis Hamikdash* standing.

We also need to remember that our *yirah* is not of the building, but of Hashem Who told us to build it!

Rambam: Hilchos Beis HaBechirah

PEREK HEY

The Rambam teaches us about the *Har Habayis*, the *Ezras Noshim*, and the *Ezras Yisroel*.

PEREK VOV

The *Beis Hamikdash* was on a mountain, and some parts of the *Beis Hamikdash* were higher up. We also learn how the *Sanhedrin* was able to expand the *Kedusha* of the *Beis Hamikdash* and of *Yerushalayim* to a place that didn't have it before.

PEREK ZAYIN

We learn about showing *yirah* to the *Beis Hamikdash*, which is today's *mitzvah*. We also learn about the 10 levels of *Kedusha* in *Eretz Yisroel* — starting with the walled cities of *Eretz Yisroel*, and all the way up to the *Kodesh HaKodoshim* as the highest level.