


מִצְוֹת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
#85

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Sisa: (שמות ל"ט)

בְּמִתְכַנְתָּהּ לֹא תַעֲשֶׂוּ לָכֶם

We are not allowed to make *Ketores* the way it was made in the *Beis Hamikdash* for any other reason. We can't make *Ketores*-smelling perfume, or *Ketores*-scented air freshener!

In fact, the family of *kohanim* that made the *Ketores*, *Avtinas*, wouldn't let ANY of their girls wear perfume, so that nobody would think they used the ingredients of the *Ketores*.

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

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#82

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Tetzaveh: (במדבר ז"ט)

לֹא תַעֲלוּ עֲלָיו קְטֹרֶת זָרָה
וְעֹלָה וּמִנְחָה וְנִסֵּךְ
לֹא תִסְכוּ עֲלָיו

We are not allowed to bring any *korbanos* on the *Mizbeiach HaZahav* (*Mizbeiach Haketores*) — it is only for the *Ketores* brought by the *kohen*.

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עֲשֶׂה
#34

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Terum: (שמות כ"ה:טו)

כִּי עֲבַדְתָּ הַקֹּדֶשׁ עֲלֵהֶם
בְּכִתְף יִשְׂאוּ

When the *Aron* is moved, it needs to be carried by hand by the *kohanim*, and not put it on a wagon!

In the *Midbar*, this was a *mitzvah* for ALL of the *Leviim*, but that is just because there were so few *kohanim*! Later, though, this became a special *mitzvah* only for *kohanim*.

מצות
לא תעשה
#86

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Terumah: (במדבר יח:בג)

בְּטַבְעַת הָאֲרוֹן יִהְיוּ הַבַּדִּים
לֹא יִסְרוּ מִמֶּנּוּ

We are not allowed to take the poles out of the *Aron*, even when we aren't carrying it.

Rambam: Hilchos Klei HaMikdash

PEREK GIMMEL

The *Leviim* were split into two groups: One group did the opening and closing of the gates of the *Beis Hamikdash* (*Sho'arim*), and one did the singing (*Meshorerim*). Any of the *Leviim* could help guard the *Beis Hamikdash* at night.

The *Leviim* needed to train for 5 years before they could work in the *Beis Hamikdash*. In the times of the *Mishkan* they could only work until they were 50. But when they did the *Avodah* in the *Beis Hamikdash*, they could sing for as long as their voices were still good! And even afterwards, they could still help open and close the doors of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

PEREK DALED

The *kohanim* were chosen for the special *Avodah* of *Korbanos*, and all Yidden need to give them special *Kavod*. That's why even today they get the first *aliyah* and other special things!

We also learn about the *Mishmaros* — groups of *Kohanim* which worked on certain days — and how EVERYONE could work during the *Yomim Tovim*. We learn about choosing a *Kohen Gadol*, and who will replace him after he passes away. We also learn how there are 8 levels of *Kohanim*, to make sure everything works smoothly. The higher levels are in charge of the lower levels.

PEREK HEY

We give special *kavod* to the *Kohen Gadol*. He needs to act in a *kavodike* way so that people treat him properly. We learn that when the *Kohen Gadol* starts his *avodah*, he brings a special *korban*.