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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כא:לג)

וְכִי יִפְתַּח אִישׁ בּוֹר

Today's *mitzvah* is that if someone has a hole in the ground and another animal falls inside, the owner of the pit is responsible, and he needs to pay.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Bava Kama perek Gimmel and perek Hey

Rambam: Hilchos Nizkei Mamon

PEREK VOV

This *perek* explains what kind of animal is called *mu'ad* — that we can expect it to hurt another animal. If an animal hurts other animals on 3 different days, it is called *mu'ad*. If it only hurts animals on Thursdays, it is only *mu'ad* for Thursday!

When a *mu'ad* animal is sold to someone else, it changes back to a *tam*, an animal we don't expect to hurt someone else.

PEREK ZAYIN

The Rambam teaches us how much we need to pay if our animal hurt another one or broke something. The owner of a *mu'ad* has to pay for the WHOLE thing his animal hurt, but the owner of a *tam* only has to pay half. How do we figure out how much money that is? We figure out how much the thing was worth before, and how much afterwards, and the owner of the animal has to pay the difference.

PEREK CHES

This *perek* tells us when these *halachos* are different — like for example an animal that is from *hefker* which means that it doesn't belong to anyone, or *hekdesh* which belongs to the *Beis Hamikdash*. We also learn the *halachos* of when a *Beis Din* forces someone to pay.