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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (ויקרא יט:יא)

לא תִּגְנֹבוּ

Today's *mitzvah* is that we are not allowed to steal!

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

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 This mitzvah includes all of the halachos of punishing a Ganav, and does not have a specific *posuk* we learn it from.

This *mitzvah* is to follow the *halachos* about how to judge and punish a *ganav* (thief). Sometimes the thief needs to pay back double what he stole, or even four or five times what he stole! If a thief doesn't have enough money to pay back what he stole, he is sold as a slave.

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Mesechta Bava Kama perek Zayin, Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Ches, Mesechta Bava Metziah perek Gimmel, and places in Kesubos, Kiddushin, and Shevuos

## Rambam: Hilchos Geneivah

### PEREK ALEF

First we learn what it means to steal. We are not allowed to steal ANYTHING, not even a tiny thing, and not from anyone — not even a little kid! We aren't allowed to take things for a joke, or even if we are planning on giving them back later!

### PEREK BEIS

This *perek* explains the *halachos* of when someone does or doesn't need to pay the "*knas*" — double (like if he didn't tell the truth that he stole) or 5 times as much (like if he stole an animal and killed it).

### PEREK GIMMEL

There are times when a person might not need to pay the *knas* for stealing. For example, if he did an even bigger *aveira* and needs to be punished for that instead, if he admitted that he stole, or if he doesn't have money to pay.