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

## וְלֹא תוֹנוּ אִישׁ אֶת עַמִּיתוֹ וְיִרְאֶת מֵאֲלֶקְיֶךָ

Today's *mitzvah* is the same one as yesterday's: We are not allowed to hurt other people with our words (*ona'as devarim*). We aren't allowed to say mean things, or things that will make someone embarrassed or feel bad.

For example, we aren't allowed to remind a *Baal Teshuvah* about the *aveiros* he did, or tell someone who is sick that it must be a punishment for something he did. We also can't ask questions that make people think that we are going to buy something when we aren't really planning on buying it.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Bava Metzta perek Daled

## Rambam: Hilchos Mechirah

### PEREK TES-ZAYIN

This *perek* teaches us about when we can return something and get our money back! One *halacha* is that if we buy a cow and the person who sold it didn't tell us that it had no teeth, so it dies from not eating anything, we can give back the dead cow and get all of our money back.

### PEREK YUD-ZAYIN

This *perek* explains when the Torah says a sale wasn't fair, and we can give back what we bought and get our money back. When we sell something, we need to make sure to tell the truth about what it is and how good it is!

### PEREK YUD-CHES

The Rambam teaches us about not tricking people when we sell something. We can't paint an old car to make it look new, or put fancy apples on the top of a bag of rotten ones so someone will buy it. But we ARE allowed to give out balloons or candies to kids who come to our store so they will want to come back!