

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

וְכִי תִמְכְּרוּ מִמְכָּר לְעַמִּיתְךָ

When we sell something to another Yid, or buy something from another Yid, we have to do it the Torah way! There are many *halachos* that we need to follow to make sure we are doing it right.

(We learned this *mitzvah* many times before, but since there is no special *mitzvah* for this set of *halachos* in Rambam, we review it again.)

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Kiddushin perek Alef, Mesechta Bava Metziah perakim Daled and Ches, and Mesechta Bava Basra perakim Gimmel, Daled, Hey, Vov and Zayin

Rambam: Hilchos Shecheinim, Hilchos Shluchim VeShutfim

PEREK YUD-GIMMEL

We learn more about the *Bar Metzra* — the neighbor, who gets the first chance to buy a field next door: If a person gives a field as a PRESENT, he can give it to whoever he wants. (But if he pretends it's a present to keep it from the *Ben Hametzer*, the neighbor can still buy it!)

So now we understand: Hashem can give the Torah to whoever He wants as a present — it doesn't have to be to the neighbor. Also, really, Yidden ARE the closest "neighbor" to Torah, since Torah talks about the mitzvos that we can only do in this world! The malochim had to agree in the end that the Torah belongs to Yidden!

PEREK YUD-DALED

This *perek* finishes the *halachos* about neighbors. We learn that the *Ben Hametzer* is only for the NEXT-door neighbor. We also learn about the reason for the *halacha*, that a person should act like a *mentch* (“*Ve’asisa Hayashar Vehatov*”) and give the opportunity to buy to the one who could use it in the best way.

PEREK ALEF

Now we start *Hilchos Shluchim VeShutfim*, about partners and messengers:

In this first *perek* we learn about a *shliach*. When someone sends a messenger (*shliach*) to do something, it's like the one who sent him did it himself — if the messenger followed the instructions! So if someone sends a messenger to buy a field, when the messenger buys it, it belongs to the one who sent him.