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עַל קָמַת יִרְעָךָ

A worker can't stop working to nosh on what he's picking.

Only after he finishes filling a basket and brings it to where it belongs can he take some grapes to eat on his way back to the field. This way he is not wasting time from work, and he's only eating after his part of the work is done.

Even though we said yesterday that a worker can eat while he is working, he needs to make sure that he is eating only with these conditions!

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

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וְאֵל כְּלִיךָ לֹא תִתֵּן

A worker can eat as much as he wants, but he can't put any away for later. The food is just meant for him while he is working.

## Keeping the Rebbe's Takanos

One very important *takana* of the Rebbe is to learn Rambam (or *Sefer Hamitzvos*) every day:

Many years ago, in Yerushalayim, there was a big and beautiful house

for Hashem, where we were able to give Hashem presents and feel His *kedushah*. But *goyim* came and destroyed it, knocking down the walls, stealing the gold and silver, and setting everything on fire.

Why did Hashem let such a terrible thing happen?

The *Gemara* tells us that it was because the Yidden had *Sinas Chinam*, hating each other for no reason.

Now we miss the *Beis Hamikdash*. We suffer very much in *Golus*, and we want the *Geulah*.

When there is love and *achdus* between all of the Yidden, Hashem will take the *Golus* away, since now there is no more reason for the *Golus* to exist!

More than thirty years ago, the Rebbe gave us a very special way to bring more *achdus* and love between all the Yidden: That all of us should learn Torah together! And not just any part of Torah — the Rebbe told us to learn Rambam, which is has all of the *halachos* of the Torah, all in one *sefer*!

When we learn Torah, we become one with Hashem, and when many Yidden learn the same part of Torah, we also become connected with each other, because we are all connecting using the same channel. This *achdus* will soon bring us all together again to the *Beis Hamikdash Hashlishi*, may it be rebuilt very soon!

## Rambam: Hilchos Sechirus

### PEREK YUD

We learn about when a worker is called a *shomer*, guarding something! If you pay a carpenter to fix your bookshelf, he is a *shomer sachar*, a paid guard. If it gets broken, he has to pay for it. But if he calls you and tells you to come pick it up because it is done, he is like a *shomer chinam* (an unpaid guard), and doesn't have to pay for it unless he did something not responsible.

### PEREK YUD-ALEF

In this *perek* we learn about paying workers on time. We only need to pay once the work was done and we received it. So if someone ordered a piece of furniture, it is not counted as paying late until after he picked it up.

### PEREK YUD-BEIS

This *perek* is about the *mitzvos* we learned in *Sefer Hamitzvos* today! One *halacha* is that these *mitzvos* are only with things that grow. So a person working in an ice cream store doesn't have a *mitzvah* to be able to eat ice cream. (The ice cream store owner could let him eat anyway, though!)