

מִצְוֹת
עֲשֵׂה

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כ"ג:)

וְכִי יִשְׁאַל אִישׁ מֵעַם יְרֵאָהוּ

Today's *mitzvah* in *Sefer Hamitzvos* is the same as yesterday — that someone who borrows something needs to follow the *halachos* about borrowing.



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Bava Metziah perek Ches, and Mesechta Shevuos perek Ches

Rambam: Hilchos She'eilah Upikadon

PEREK GIMMEL

This *perek* teaches us what happens if an animal we borrowed dies. If the animal died during the time it was borrowed, the person has to pay! The Rambam teaches exactly when the borrowing is considered to have started.

PEREK DALED

This *perek* is about a *Shomer Chinam*, who watches something for another person without getting paid for his work.

If you watch something for someone else, you need to be very careful with it — even more careful than if it was yours! The *halacha* is that if you put something that belongs to someone else in a not safe place, and it got lost and stolen — even if it wasn't your fault! — you need to pay for it.

So for example if someone asked you to watch their pencil for a few minutes, and you just left it outside in the playground, it is your fault if it gets lost or stolen.

PEREK HEY

This *perek* teaches us what happens if something gets robbed from us while we are watching it for another person.