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We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Emor: (ויקרא כג:ל)

בְּיוֹם הָרֵאשׁוֹן
מִקְרָא קֹדֶשׁWe need to rest on the first day of *Sukkos*.מִצְוַת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה

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We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Emor: (ויקרא כג:ל)

כָּל מְלָאכָת עֲבֹדָה
לֹא תַעֲשׂוּWe are not allowed to do *melacha* on the first day of *Sukkos*.מִצְוַת
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We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Emor: (ויקרא כג:ל)

בְּיוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי
מִקְרָא קֹדֶשׁ יִהְיֶה לָכֶםWe need to rest on *Shmini Atzeres*.The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Beitzah (Yom Tov)

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Emor: (דברים טז:א)

כָּל מְלֶאכֶת עֲבֹדָה
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂוּ

We can't work on *Shmini Atzeres*.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Beitzah (Yom Tov)

Shemini Atzeres

Sukkos is 7 days long (in Eretz Yisroel), and there is a special *Sukkos korban* every day!

On the 8th day, there is an extra day of *Yom Tov*, *Shmini Atzeres*. This is because Hashem loves when we have such a happy *Yom Tov* with Him, and He wants it to last for an extra day!

Every *Yom Tov* has a *mitzvah* of the day. On *Rosh Hashana* the main *mitzvah* is the *Shofar*, on *Yom Kippur* it is fasting, on *Sukkos* it is eating in the *Sukkah*, making the *bracha* on the *Lulav* and *Esrog*, and *Simcha*.

On *Shemini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*, there is one main *mitzvah* — *Simcha*! The *mitzvah* is to sing and dance and celebrate with other Yidden, with Hashem, and with the Torah! From the *Yom Tov* of *Sukkos*, and especially *Shemini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*, we get *simcha* for the whole year!

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Re'eh: (שמות יב:טו)

לֹא תֹאכַל עָלֶיךָ חֶמֶץ

We can't eat *chometz* in the afternoon before *Pesach* (the time when we can bring the *Korban Pesach*).



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Beginning of Mesechta Pesachim

Rambam: Hilchos Shevisas Yom Tov, Chomeitz U'Matzah

PEREK ZAYIN

We learn that you're not allowed to do a *melacha* on *Chol Hamoed*, because when the Torah uses the words "*Mikra Kodesh*," it is also talking about how *Chol Hamoed* is holy. In the *Beis Hamikdash*, the *Yom Tov korbanos* were also brought on *Chol Hamoed*! Since the Torah uses the word "*Shabason*" (to rest) only on *Yom Tov*, there are many ways that *melacha* can be done. For example, if there will be a big loss if the *melacha* isn't done, if it's something that is very easy to do, if it's necessary for *Yom Tov*, or for *Tzorchei Rabim* (that many people rely on it). But we are not allowed to push off *melacha* to *Chol Hamoed* if we could have done it earlier.

One *halacha* is that we can't do laundry or cut hair on *Chol Hamoed*, because people might otherwise wait for *Chol Hamoed*, and then on *Yom Tov* they won't have clean clothes and nice hair!

PEREK CHES

We learn about specific *melachos* that are *asur* or *mutar* on *Chol Hamoed*. We also learn about not doing *melacha* on *Erev Yom Tov* in the afternoon (just like on *Erev Shabbos*). This is even more strict on *Erev Pesach*, which is a time that *korbanos* were brought in the *Beis Hamikdash*.

PEREK ALEF

Now we start learning the *halachos* of *Chometz* and *Matzah*. There are eight *perakim* in this section — four about *chometz*, then four about *matzah* and the night of the *Seder*. This will be followed by the Rambam's *Nusach HaHaggadah*.

First we learn about the *isur* of *chometz*. Even the tiniest drop is *asur*! The time when this *isur* starts is the middle of the day on *Erev Pesach*.