

מִצְוֹת
עֲשֵׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Bo: (שמות י"ג)

בַּיּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן תִּשְׁבִּיתוּ שָׂאֵר מִבְּתֵיכֶם

We need to get rid of *chometz* from our house.



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

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Bo: (שמות י"ב)

וְלֹא יֵאָכֵל חֶמֶץ

We aren't allowed to eat *chometz* on *Pesach*.



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Mesechta Pesachim

Chometz

In many *maamarim* in *Chassidus*, we learn about what makes a *midah* into a good *midah*: A good *midah* comes from *Bittul* — doing something that Hashem wants us to do, the way the Torah teaches. A “bad *midah*” comes from *Yeshus* — doing things only to make ourselves happy, without thinking about what Hashem wants.

The *Ruchnius'dike inyan* of *matzah* is *bittul*. It is flat, not puffed up with *gaavah* and *yeshus* like *chometz*!

On *Pesach*, we are very careful not to have any *chometz* — which means in *Ruchnius* that our *bittul* shouldn't even have the possibility of *yeshus*.

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לא תעשה

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We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Bo: (שמות י"ז)

כָּל מַחְמֶצֶת לֹא תֹאכְלוּ

On *Pesach* we can't even eat food that has any *chometz* mixed into it, like beer.

Rambam: Hilchos Chomeitz U'Matzah

PEREK BEIS

In today's first *perek* we learn *halachos* about *Bedikas Chometz*.

One interesting *halacha* is that if a person sees a mouse go into his house with a piece of *chometz*, and then he sees crumbs on the floor, he needs to look through the whole house until he finds the *chometz*. This is because we say that the mouse probably put the piece of *chometz* down somewhere, and didn't eat it, since mice don't leave crumbs when they eat!

But if you see a baby go into the house with *chometz*, and you find crumbs, you can say that the baby probably already ate the *chometz*, and these are the crumbs from it — because babies do leave crumbs! So then, you wouldn't need to check the whole house again.

PEREK GIMMEL

In this *perek*, we finish learning about *Bedikas Chometz*. We also learn about *Bittul Chometz*, making our *chometz* counted as not worth anything, and about *Biur Chometz* — getting rid of the *chometz*.

PEREK DALED

In the last *perek* of today's Rambam, we learn about the *mitzvah* of not owning any *chometz* on *Pesach*, and how we can sell *Chometz* to a *goy* so it doesn't belong to us on *Pesach*.