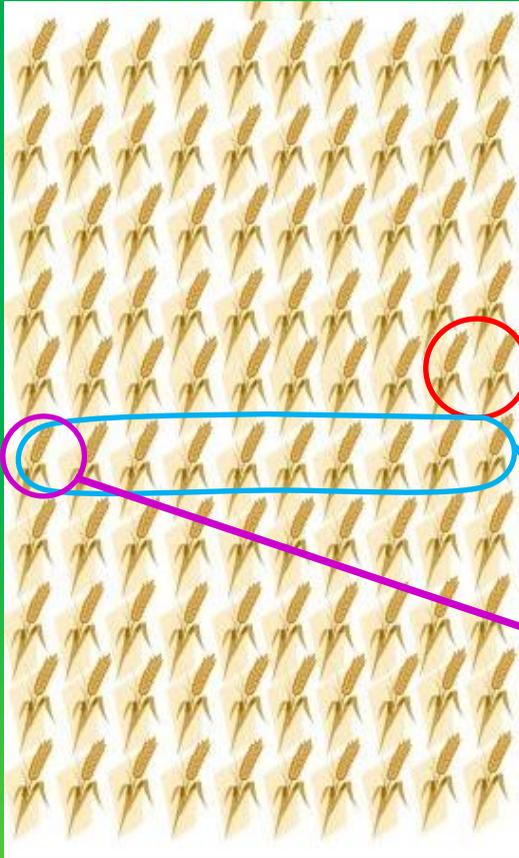


מסכת
 בויצה
 דף יג

DAF YOMI4 Kids

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 bushels



The Torah commands farmers to give some of their harvest to כְּהֵנִים and Levites. These "gifts" are called תְּרוּמָה and מַעֲשֵׂר, known in English as "tithes."

Here are the tithes that must be given:

תְּרוּמָה גְדוּלָה – "Large Separation." This is the first tithe the farmer must give to a כֹּהֵן. The Torah says it may be of any amount but the Sages recommended 1/50 (or 2%) of the farmer's crop.

מַעֲשֵׂר רִאשׁוֹן – "First Tithe." After תְּרוּמָה גְדוּלָה is separated, the farmer gives 1/10 (10%) of his remaining crop to a לֵוִי (Levite).

תְּרוּמַת מַעֲשֵׂר – "Separation of the Tithe." The לֵוִי takes 1/10 (10%) of the מַעֲשֵׂר רִאשׁוֹן crop he just received and gives it to a כֹּהֵן.

Inside the Daf

The Sages say that about 2% of one's crop must be given to a כֹּהֵן as תְּרוּמָה גְדוּלָה. But the Torah itself says any amount may be given. Therefore, we don't have to be precise when we measure out the 2%. We can just estimate this amount and give it to a כֹּהֵן.

In our גְּמָרָא אָבָא אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן גִּימְלָא, גְּמָרָא אָבָא אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן גִּימְלָא says even תְּרוּמַת מַעֲשֵׂר, the 10% of מַעֲשֵׂר that the Levite gives to a כֹּהֵן, may be estimated by the Levite, and need not be measured precisely.

How does אָבָא אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן גִּימְלָא know that תְּרוּמַת מַעֲשֵׂר can be estimated? The Torah says, "בַּמְדַּבֵּר יַחַד, וְנִחְשַׁב לָכֶם תְּרוּמַתְכֶם" (Num. 18,27.) This shows that all the "separations" are considered to be connected, that is, the separations of תְּרוּמָה גְדוּלָה and of תְּרוּמַת מַעֲשֵׂר. Just as תְּרוּמָה גְדוּלָה need only be "estimated" and not measured out precisely, so too תְּרוּמַת מַעֲשֵׂר need only be "estimated."

Rubbing Ears

Have you ever snacked on peanuts or pistachios? In the times of the Talmud, wheat kernels were a common snack. People would rub ears of grain together between both their hands or fingertips to release the kernels.

Releasing the kernels by rubbing ears of grain is not allowed on the Sabbath because it is the forbidden activity of "דש", or threshing. On a יום טוב (Festival) rubbing the ears is only allowed if it is done in an unusual way, differently than the rest of the week.

אבוי says (in the name of רב יוסף) one can rub the ears of grain with one finger against one finger. This is different from the usual way that ears of grain are rubbed between both hands.

רב אבוי says (in the name of רב יוסף) that since one has to rub the ears of grain differently from the rest of the week, one may even rub one finger against two fingers and רבא says one may even rub one finger against all of the others.



Did You Know...

The Torah says that one may not perform מלאכת מחשבת, or skilled labor, on the Sabbath. Since the Torah portion that discusses the building of the מִשְׁכַּן (Tabernacle) is placed next to the Torah portion about the Sabbath, we learn that the types of labor we cannot do on the Sabbath are similar to the skilled labor done for the building of the Tabernacle.

WORD OF THE DAY:
הואיל
"SINCE"

A Moment מְדוּת

"Hey, Avishai," said Tommy, "we're collecting money to help poor people in our community who don't have enough money for Passover food. Want to donate something?"

"Umm...I don't know," said Avishai, "I'm saving up to buy tickets for the hockey playoffs and..."

"Don't you remember what we learned today?" interrupted Tommy. "The Torah commands us to give tithes from our crops to פְּהָגִים. This is to reinforce the importance of *giving*, a trait we should all have. It is also meant to show that we do not view money and material possessions as important. So, what do you say?"

"You're right," admitted Avishai. "I can afford to give at least something."

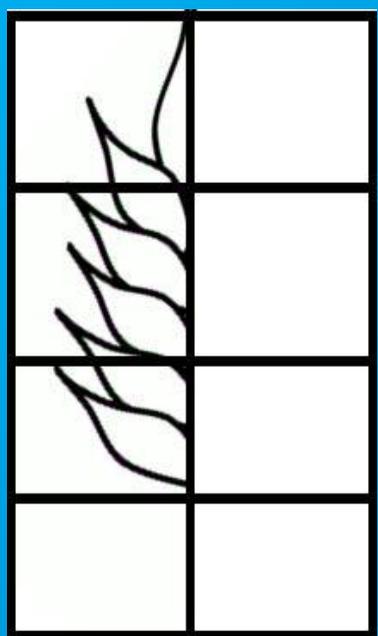
(מורה נבוכים, ח"ג, לט)

Games

FINISH

IT OFF!

Finish the other half of the barley



Review Questions – ביצה דף י"ג

1. According to the Torah, how much תְּרוּמָה גדולה must be separated from one's crops?

2. What forbidden activity is rubbing ears of grain to release their kernels?

3. What is מלאכת מחשבת?
