

מסכת יבמות דף פו

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

The Torah says that if grain, vegetables or fruit is grown in the land of Israel, its owner must give some of it to a **כֹּהֵן** and a **לוי**.

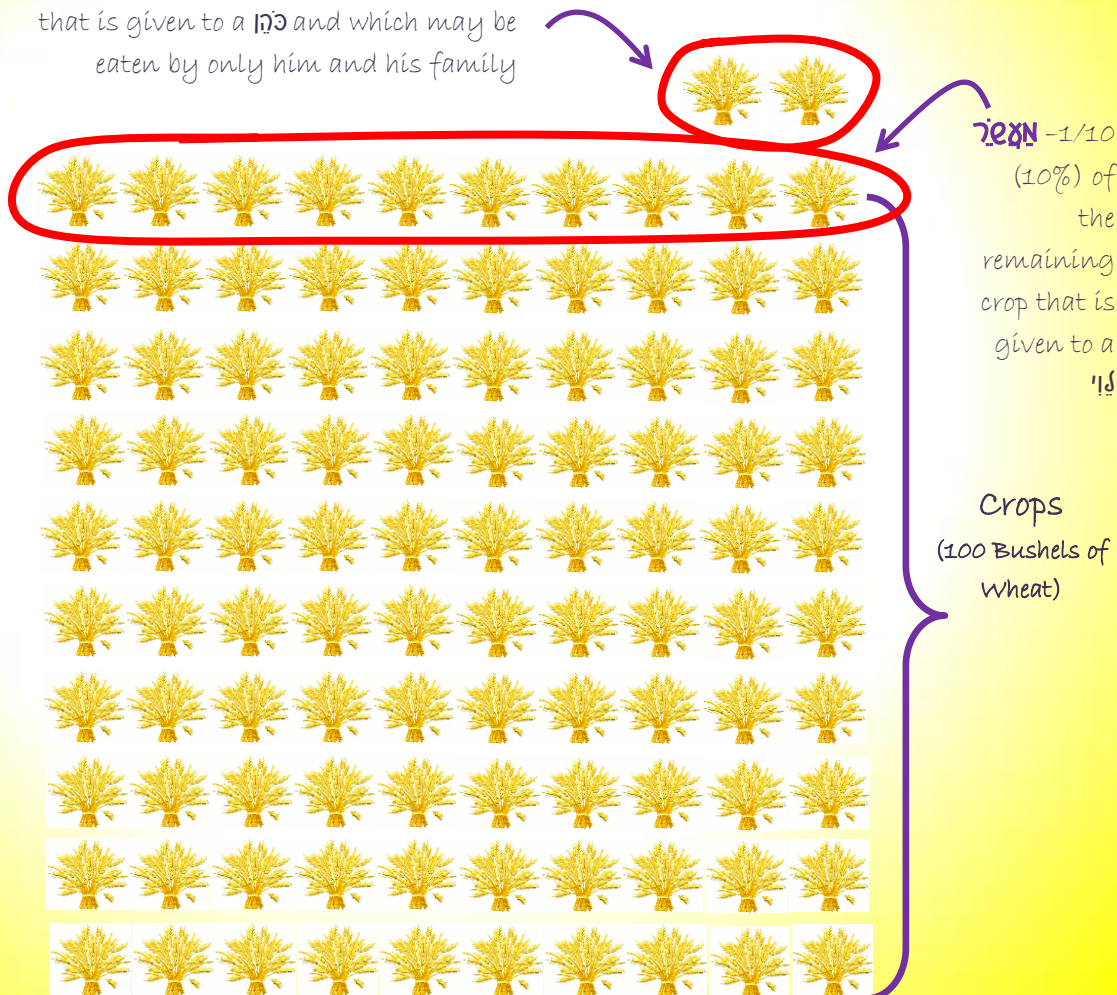
About 2% of the produce must be given to a **כֹּהֵן**. For example, if the owner has a field of one hundred bushels of wheat, two of those bushels must be given to a **כֹּהֵן**. This gift is called, "**תרומה**" (lifting).

A **לוי** receives 10% of the produce. This means, in a field of one hundred bushels of wheat, ten pieces must be given to a **לוי**. This is called "**מעשר ראשון**" or "**מעשר**" (tithe) for short.

רבי מאיר says, **תרומה** may be eaten only by a **כֹּהֵן** (and his family) and **מעשר** may be eaten only by a **לוי**. **רבי אלקעזר בן עזריה** on the other hand, says **מעשר** may be eaten even by a **כֹּהֵן**. See the diagram below to better understand the process of separation.

תרומה - About 1/50 (2%) of one's crop that is given to a **כֹּהֵן** and which may be eaten by only him and his family

The **תרומה** and **מעשר** Tithes



The Garden and the Graves

In "Inside the Daf" we learned that רבי אלעזר בן עזריה says even a כהן may eat מעשר ראשון, a tithe given to a לוי. רבי אלעזר בן עזריה himself was a כהן and the גמרא says he used to help himself to מעשר ראשון from a certain garden.



allowed to enter into a cemetery!

When רבי אלעזר בן עזריה realized his predicament he said, "עקיבא is with his pouch, but I live!" By this he meant, רבי עקיבא is a poor

farmer who eats his daily bread from his pouch, but I am rich. It is not important to me if I can no longer eat מעשר from this garden!

רבי עקיבא did not approve of this practice. So he blocked the entrance to the garden so that the only way one could enter was by going through a cemetery. This meant that רבי עזריה would not be able to enter the garden to collect מעשר since a כהן is not



Did You Know...

The scribe, עזרא (Ezra), punished the מעשר (Levites) by taking their tithe away. Some say, because the עזרא did not go up with לויים from Babylon to the Land of Israel at the end of the Babylonian exile.

A Moment

Simcha was glum. "I called Peretz over to play and he said he couldn't. He was going over to Chaim's house instead."

"Don't let that bother you. Peretz is Chaim's only friend. Let him play with him. You have many friends to choose from, so just call up another," his mother suggested.

"Hey! That's like something I saw in *daf yomi*," Simcha said. "רבי אלעזר בן עזריה said that he could eat anywhere but that רבי עקיבא only has one pouch of bread to eat. Even though רבי אלעזר בן עזריה was blocked from eating in one garden, he focused on all of the food he *did* have!"

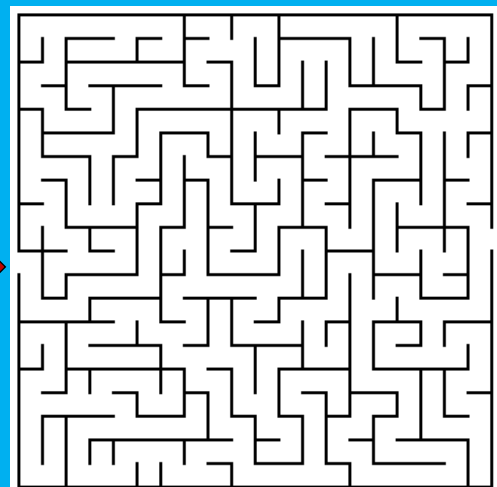
WORD OF THE DAY:

מאי
"WHAT"

Games

A-MAZE-ING

Help רבי אלעזר בן עזריה find a way into the garden



יבמות דף פ"ו – Review Questions

1. Name two "gifts" that are separated from one's grain, vegetable or fruit field in the land of Israel.

2. What did רבי עקיבא do so that רבי אלעזר בן עזריה could not enter a garden?

3. Why, according to some, did עזרא take מעשר away from the לויים?