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RE'EH • 5TH ALIYAH

CHAPTER PREVIEW

In this aliyah, the Torah introduces us to the halachos of Maaser Sheni, the second tithe, which a Yid must set aside from his crops in the first, second, fourth, and fifth years of the Shemittah cycle. Hashem commands us to bring these holy fruits to Yerushalayim to eat them there in kedushah, which builds our yiras Shamayim as we stand in the place of the Beis HaMikdash.

We also learn the practical halachos of what to do if the journey to Yerushalayim is too long and difficult. The Torah gives us a beautiful eitzah to redeem the produce for money, carry that money up to the holy city, and spend it there on food and drink to rejoice before Hashem, while making sure we do not forget the Levi and the poor who depend on our tzedakah.

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פסוק א

Pasuk 1

עֲשֹׂר תַעֲשֹׂר אֶת כָּל תְּבוּאֹת זֶרְעֶךָ הַיֵּצֵא הַשָּׂדֶה שָׁנָה שָׁנָה:

by year year the field that comes out of your seed the produce of all — tithe You shall surely tithe

רש"י

לֹא תִבְשֹׁל גְּדִי ... עֲשֹׂר תַעֲשֹׂר. מָה עֲנִין זֶה אֵצֶל זֶה? אָמַר לָהֶם

to them said this next to this is the connection of What tithe You shall surely a kid cook Do not

הַקֹּדֶשׁ לִישְׂרָאֵל: אַל תִּגְרְמוּ לִי לִבְשֹׁל גְּדִיִּים שֶׁל תְּבוּאָה עַד שֶׁהֵן

they are while grain of the tender kernels to blast Me cause Do not to Israel the Holy One blessed be He

בְּמַעֲי אִמּוֹתֵיהֶן, שָׂאֵם אֵין אַתֶּם מַעֲשָׂרִים מַעֲשָׂרוֹת כְּרָאוּי כְּשֶׁהוּא סְמוּךְ לְהַתְּבַשֵּׁל

to ripening close when it is properly tithes tithe you not for if their mothers in the womb of

אֲנִי מוֹצִיא רוּחַ קְדִים וְהִיא מְשַׁדֶּפֶתוֹ, שְׂנֵאֲמַר מַלְכִּים ב' י"ט "וּשְׁדָּפָה לִפְנֵי

before and blasted corn 19 II Kings as it is said will blast them and it the east a wind of will bring out I

קָמָה", וְכֵן לְעִנְיֵן בְּפִרְיִם פְּסִיק' ר'; תַּנְחוּמָא:

Tanchuma of Rabbi Pesikta first fruits regarding the matter of And likewise it is grown up

רש"י

שָׁנָה שָׁנָה. מִכָּאֵין שְׂאִין מַעֲשָׂרִין מִן הַחֲדָשׁ עַל הַיָּשֵׁן סִפְרֵי:

Sifrei the old for the new from tithe that one does not from here year Year

פסוק ב

Pasuk 2

וְאָכַלְתָּ לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בַּמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר לְשָׁכֵן שְׁמוֹ שָׁם

there His name to establish He will choose that in the place your God Hashem before and you shall eat

מַעֲשֵׂר דִּגְנָה תִּירֹשָׁה וְיִצְהָרָה וּבְכֹרֶת בְּקָרָה וְצֹאֲנָה לְמַעַן תִּלְמַד

you will learn so that and your sheep your cattle and the firstborn of and your oil your wine your grain the tithe of

לִירְאָה אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כָּל הַיָּמִים:

the days all your God Hashem — to fear

רש"י

ואכלת וגו'. זה מעשר שני. שפבר למדנו לתן מעשר ראשון ללוים, שנאמר

as it is said to the Levites first tithe to give it taught us for already second tithe this etc. And you shall eat

"כי תקחו מאת בני ישראל וגו'" במדבר י"ח ונתן להם רשות לאכלו בכל

in any to eat it permission to them and it gave 18 Bamidbar etc. Yisrael the children of from you take when

מקום, שנאמר "ואכלתם אתו בכל מקום" שם י"ח, על כרחך זה מעשר אחר

another tithe this your compulsion by 18 there place in any it and you shall eat as it is said place

הוא:

it is

פסוק ג

Pasuk 3

וכי ירבה ממך הדרך כי לא תוכל שאתו כי ירחק ממך

from you will be far because to carry it you will be able not because the journey for you will be too great And if

המקום אשר יבחר יהוה אלהיך לשמו שם כי יברכה יהוה

Hashem will bless you because there His name to place your God Hashem will choose which the place

אלהיך:

your God

רש"י

כי יברכה. שתהא התבואה מרבה לשאת:

to carry too much the produce that will be He will bless you when

פסוק ד

Pasuk 4

ונתתה בכסף וצרת הפסף בידיך והלכת אל המקום אשר

that the place to and you shall go in your hand the money and you shall bind into money and you shall turn

יבחר יהוה אלהיך בו:

it your God Hashem will choose

פסוק ה

Pasuk 5

ונתתה הפסף בכל אשר תאוו נפשך בבקר ובצאן וביין

and for wine and for sheep for cattle your soul desires that for all the money and you shall give

ובשכר ובכל אשר תשאלה נפשך ואכלת שם לפני יהוה אלהיך

your God Hashem before there and you shall eat your soul asks of you that and for all and for strong drink

וּשְׂמַחְתָּ אִתָּהּ וּבֵיתְךָ:

and your household you and you shall rejoice

רש"י

בכל אשר תאוה נפשך – כָּלֵל:

a general statement your soul desires that For all

רש"י

בבקר ובצאן וביין ובשכר – פָּרֵט:

a particularization and for strong drink and for wine and for the flock for the herd

רש"י

ובכל אשר תשאלך נפשך – חָזַר וְכָלֵל, מֵהַ פֶּרֶט מְפָרֵשׁ וְלִדּוֹת

and in all your soul desires of you that and generalized He returned just as is specified offspring of

הָאָרֶץ וְרֹאשׁוֹ לְמֵאֲכָל אָדָם וְכו' עִירֻבִין כ"ז :

the earth and suitable for food of man etcetera Eruvin 27

פסוק ו

Pasuk 6

וְהַלֵּוִי אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ לֹא תַעֲזֹבֵנּוּ כִּי אֵין לוֹ חֶלֶק וְנַחֲלָה

And the Levite who is in your gates do not abandon him for there is not to him a portion and an inheritance

עמך:

with you

רש"י

והלוי, לא תעזבנו. מִלְתָּן לוֹ מֵעֶשֶׂר רִאשֹׁן:

And the Levite shall you forsake him not first tithe to him from giving

רש"י

כִּי אֵין לוֹ חֶלֶק וְנַחֲלָה עִמָּךְ. יֵצְאוּ לָקֵט שִׁכְחָה וּפֶאֶה

for there is not to him a portion and an inheritance with you and excluded are gleanings forgotten sheaves and corner of the field

וְהַפֶּקֶד, שֶׁאֵף הוּא יֵשׁ לוֹ חֶלֶק עִמָּךְ בָּהֶן כְּמוֹהֶ, וְאֵינָן חִיבִין בְּמַעֲשֵׂר:

and ownerless property has he for even in them with you a portion like you and they are not obligated in tithes

פסוק ז

Pasuk 7

מִקְצֵה שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים תּוֹצִיא אֶת כָּל מַעֲשֵׂר תְּבוּאָתְךָ בַּשָּׁנָה הַהוּא

At the end of years three you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce that in the year

וְהַנִּחַת בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

and you shall place within your gates

רש"י

מקצה שלש שנים. בָּא וְלִמַּד שֶׁאֵם הַשְּׁחָה מַעֲשֵׂרוֹתָיו שֶׁל שָׁנָה רִאשׁוֹנָה וּשְׁנֵינִי

At the end of years three it comes and teaches that if one delayed his tithes of the year first and second

לְשִׁמְטָה, שְׂיִבְעָרֵם מִן הַבֵּית בְּשָׁלִישִׁית:

in the third the house from that he must remove them of the Shemittah cycle

פסוק ח

Pasuk 8

וּבֹא הַלֵּוִי כִּי אֵין לוֹ חֶלֶק וְנַחֲלָה עִמָּךְ וְהֵגֵר

and the stranger with you and an inheritance a portion to him there is not because the Levite And shall come

וְהֵיתָם וְהֵאֱלַמְנָה אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ וְאָכְלוּ וְשָׂבְעוּ לְמַעַן יְבָרְכְּךָ

shall bless you so that and be satisfied and they shall eat are in your gates who and the widow and the orphan

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדְךָ אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה:

you do which your hand the work of in all your God Hashem

רש"י

וּבֹא הַלֵּוִי. וְיִטַּל מִעֲשֶׂר רִאשׁוֹן:

first the tithe and take the Levite and shall come

רש"י

וְהֵגֵר וְהֵיתָם. וְיִטַּלוּ מִעֲשֶׂר שְׁנִי, שֶׁהוּא שֶׁל עָנִי שָׁנָה זוֹ, וְלֹא

and not this the year of the poor of which is second tithe and they shall take and the orphan and the stranger

תֹּאכְלֵנוּ אֹתָהּ בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם כְּדֶרֶךְ שְׁנִזְקָקָתָהּ לֵאכֹל מִעֲשֶׂר שְׁנִי שֶׁל שְׁתֵּי שָׁנִים:

years the two of second tithe to eat that you were bound like the way in Yerushalayim you shall you eat it

רש"י

וְאָכְלוּ וְשָׂבְעוּ. תֵּן לָהֶם כְּדֵי שְׂבָעוֹן, מִכָּאן אָמְרוּ אֵין פּוֹחֲתִין

give less we do not they said from here their satisfaction sufficient for to them give and be satisfied And they shall eat

לְעָנִי בִּגְרָן וְכו' סַפְרֵי קִי. וְאֹתָהּ הוֹלֵךְ לִירוּשָׁלַיִם בְּמַעֲשֶׂר שֶׁל שָׁנָה רִאשׁוֹנָה

first year of with the tithe to Yerushalayim go And you 110 Sifrei etcetera in the barn to the poor person

וּשְׁנִיָּה שֶׁהִשְׁחִיתָ, וּמִתּוֹדָה "בְּעֲרַתִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ מִן הַבֵּית" כְּמוֹ שֶׁמִּפְּרָשׁ בְּכִי

in when it is explained just as the house from the holy things I have removed and make confession which you delayed and second

תְּכַלָּה לַעֲשׂוֹת דְּבָרִים כ"ו :

26 Devarim tithing you have finished

CHAPTER SUMMARY

The aliyah outlines the system of Maaser Sheni, where a person must bring a tenth of his grain, wine, and oil to eat in the place Hashem chooses, or redeem it for money to spend on food for rejoicing in Yerushalayim if the way is too far. It then transitions to the halachos of the third year, when Maaser Sheni is replaced by Maaser Ani, the tithe for the poor. This tithe is left in the local towns so that the Levi, the convert, the orphan, and the widow can eat and be satisfied, bringing Hashem's berachah upon all the work of our hands.

The Torah is teaching us a tremendous chiddush here about how a Yid is supposed to experience the physical pleasures of this world. When the Torah speaks about Ma'aser Sheni, the second tithe, the pasuk says you should take your produce, or the money you redeemed it with, and spend it on whatever your heart desires, meat, wine, or anything else, and eat it there in Yerushalayim. Lichoira, we would have thought that indulging in physical desires is something completely separate from ruchniyus, maybe even a b'di'avad. But the Torah is mechadesh exactly the opposite: "And you shall eat there before Hashem your God, and you shall rejoice."

This is the yesod of our avodah. Hashem does not want us to run away from the world or pretend we do not enjoy a good meal. Rather, the Torah wants us to take those very physical desires and bring them "before Hashem." When you eat that delicious food in the presence of the Shechinah, with the consciousness that it all comes from Hashem's bracha, the eating itself becomes a holy act of avodas Hashem. Mimeila, the physical pleasure is elevated and becomes a vessel for yiras Shamayim.

But there is a crucial condition here that we cannot forget. The Torah immediately warns us: "Do not neglect the Levite... and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow." You cannot have a real, holy simcha if you are only worrying about your own stomach. True simcha before Hashem is only possible when you open your heart and your table to those who have nothing. When you share your bracha with the poor and the lonely, then your physical enjoyment becomes a true kiddush Hashem.

Today, when you sit down to eat or enjoy any physical pleasure, take ten seconds before you begin to think: "Hashem, You gave me this pleasure, and I am using it to serve You and to have the strength to do Your ratzon." If you can, find a way to share some of your abundance with someone in need today, making your table a real mizbeach.