

# מסכת סוֹפָה דף מ

## DAF YOMI<sup>4</sup> KIDS

### Inside the Daf

The main rule of the שְׁמִיטָה (Sabbatical) year is to not do agricultural work. It is also forbidden to sell fruit of the שְׁמִיטָה year. The גְּמָרָא calls selling שְׁמִיטָה fruit, "אֲבָקָה שֶׁל " or, "dust of the Sabbatical year," meaning not part of the main commandment of the שְׁמִיטָה year.

But don't think that this means selling שְׁמִיטָה fruit isn't a big deal. רַבִּי יוֹסִי בֶר רִנְיָנָא says, someone who does business with Sabbatical year fruits will find himself impoverished and forced to sell his moveable property. If he still doesn't realize the importance of his actions, he will continue to be punished by being forced to sell his land, and his house. If he still does not repent he will have to borrow money to survive. He will ultimately have to sell himself as a slave to a non-Jew just to survive.

רַבִּי יוֹסִי בֶר רִנְיָנָא learns this from how the Torah lists the laws of שְׁמִיטָה and then follows by teaching the laws of buying and selling moveable objects, selling land, selling homes, borrowing money, and being sold as a slave to Jews and non-Jews (see ויקרא כה, א-מו, Lev. 25, 1-47).

If you sell in the שְׁמִיטָה year you will...



Sell  
Your  
Belongings

Did You Know...



שְׁמִיטָה foods may not be used to create pleasant smelling aromas for a household. This is because the "benefit" of the pleasant smell comes only after the food has been absorbed into the ground and "destroyed."



Sell Your Land



... and Home

Borrow Money



Become a Slave



# Holy שְׁמִיטָה Produce

Produce that grows in the שְׁמִיטָה (Sabbatical) year is "holy."  
Among other things, this means you must benefit from the produce **at the same time** it is destroyed. For example, we benefit from food at the same time it is being chewed up. We benefit from oil at the same time it is being burned for heat.



## A מְדוּתָה Moment

The advertisements all around downtown screamed at young Zecharya. "You can't live without this video game!" one cried. "Without this toy you don't know what you're missing." There were ads and billboards for adults too commanding them to buy the latest cars and large screen televisions.

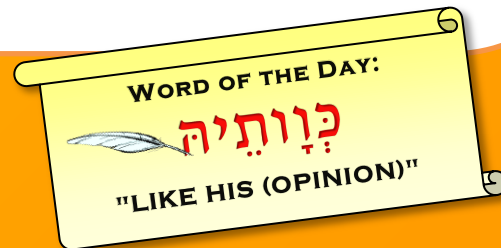
Zecharya couldn't help fantasizing how great life would be with all those great toys and products.

Fortunately, Zecharya's father could read his son like a book.

"You know Zecharya," his father began, "on the שְׁמִיטָה year we remind ourselves that the earth, and everything in it, belongs to Hashem. Our purpose in life isn't to amass wealth, property and toys. On the seventh year we show that we are willing to desert our property. In the end, all of those things being advertised on the billboards don't really make you happy."

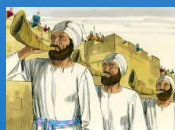
(אורים ותומים, חו"מ סז, א)

On the other hand, שְׁמִיטָה produce may not be used for ingredients in medicine. The medicine is destroyed as soon as it is swallowed. But the benefit from the medicine doesn't come at the same time it is swallowed but only later when the medicine takes effect.



## Games

The number 7 appears often in the Torah and in Jewish life.  
What do each of these pictures have to do with the number 7?



## סוכה דף מ' - Review Questions

1. What are some of the curses that befall a person if he sells שְׁמִיטָה fruits?

2. What is "אֲבָקָה שֶׁל שְׁבִיעִית"?

3. Give an example of something that cannot be made with שְׁמִיטָה fruit.

