



## Introduction to Messechet Peah

*Messechet Peah* discusses the various *matanot ani'im* – the agricultural produce that the farmer is commanded to leave for the poor. The following is a brief description of the topics discussed.

- **פאה, Peah** – crop left standing in “the corner of the field”
- **לקט Leket** – less than three individual stalks that have fallen in one place during harvest.
- **שכחה Shichecha** - sheaves that have been forgotten behind during harvest
- **עוללות Olelot** – incompletely formed clusters of grapes such that they lack a central stalk or ones in which the grapes do not hang down one upon the other.
- **פרט Peret** – individual fallen grapes

[NB: מעשר עני is another gift given to the poor. See “Introduction to *Trumot* and *Ma'asrot*” sheet for further details]

### Farmer's Checklist

Different types of produce carry different obligations. The following is a summary:

Vineyard	Equivalent	Field	Fruit Trees
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### Matanot Ani'im in the Torah

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not complete your reaping to the corner of your field and the gleaning of your harvest you shall not take. You shall not pick the undeveloped twigs of your vineyard and the fallen fruit of your vineyard you shall not gather

When you reap your harvest in your field and you forget a bundle in the field, you shall not turn back to take it; it shall be for the proselyte, the orphan, and the widow, so that *Hashem*, your G-d will bless you in all your handiwork.

When you beat your olive tree, do not remove all the splendour behind you; it shall be for the proselyte, the orphan and the widow. When you harvest the vineyard, you shall not glean behind you; it shall be for the proselyte, the orphan, and the widow.

#### ויקרא י"ט: ט"י-י"א

ובקצרכם את קציר ארצכם לא תכלה פאת שדך לקצור ולקט קצירך לא תלקט: כרמך לא תעולל ופרט כרמך לא תלקט לעני ולגר תעזוב אותם אני ה' א':

#### דברים כ"ד: י"ט-כ"א

כי תקצור קצירך בשדך ושכחת עומר בשדה לא תשוב לקחתו לגר ליתום ולאמנה יהיה למען יברכך ה' א' בכל משלך ידיך: כי תחבט זיתך לא תפאר אחריו לגר ליתום ולאמנה יהיה: כי תבצר כרמך לא תעולל אחריו לגר ליתום יהיה: