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## MAASERTEXT WEEK 8: DISCOVERING MAASER ON SHABBOS

**Maasertext was launched to encourage members of the public to separate terumos and maasros. Previously seen as a complex mitzvah and one which is difficult to perform, the system is designed to be easy and user-friendly.**

**This week, as our series draws to a close, Rabbi Y.M. Guttentag examines what happens when the Israeli source of one's produce is only discovered on Shabbos.**

### May one take *terumos* and *maasros* on Shabbos?

A *mishna* in Maseches Beitzta (36b) teaches that *maaser* may not be separated on Yom Tov. On Shabbos, the *mishna* says one may certainly not *maaser* produce. Rambam (Shabbos 23:14) teaches that this ruling is founded on two *halachic* concerns – firstly, it is seen as fixing the fruit and forbidden in a similar vein to the case of *tevilas keilim* on Shabbos. Secondly, it is seen as enacting a *kinyan* on Shabbos and forbidden like making an item *hekadesh*.

Are there any exceptions to this rule?

### I have been *mekabel* Shabbos but forgot to *maaser* the potatoes used in the *kugel* – can I still *maaser* the produce to permit the food?

During the Friday evening/ Shabbos twilight period - called *bein hashemoshos* – certain leniencies apply. In cases where one has no other Shabbos food, Chazal were lenient and allowed produce to be *maasered* where he won't have Shabbos food.

The same applies for one who is *mekabel* Shabbos early on Friday afternoon from *plag*

*hamincha* and on, (Mishna Brura: 261:28). Therefore, if the bulk of one's Shabbos meal would be at risk due to its *tevel* status, one may *maaser* during this period. If the *tevel* in one's food is only a side dish (eg just a salad), it is questionable whether this permission applies.

Once the local community have been *mekabel* Shabbos, the *bein hashemoshos* leniencies are suspended. On a long summer Friday afternoon, there typically would be time to *maaser* shortly after being *mekabel* Shabbos, but on a short Friday afternoon, this would be more problematic as it would be likely that the *tzibbur* have already been *mekabel* Shabbos.

### Shabbos has already begun, and I forgot to *maaser* our vegetables, I learnt in *mishnayos* that sometimes you can *maaser* with a *tenai* on Shabbos itself, how do I go about doing this?

This question is based on the teachings of *mishnayos* in Maseches Demai which teach of scenarios in which the householder may *maaser* produce on Shabbos itself.

The mechanics of this method require that a preliminary declaration is made on *erev* Shabbos – a *tenai*. This means that any suggestion of adopting this approach to save a family's Shabbos *cholent* with its Israeli potatoes would only work if the householder recognises the issue before *shekiya* on *erev* Shabbos. Once

Shabbos has begun, this approach would not be relevant.

### Can produce which was not *maasered* be eaten on Shabbos?

Produce which has not been *maasered* is *tevel* and may not be eaten.

In extenuating circumstances where *maaser* was not separated and major aspects of one's Shabbos meal would be at risk, one should ask a Rov before deciding not to eat the food in question.

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## A Quick Vort: Ma'ayanah shel Torah

BY YISROEL AVROHOM KAYE

The posuk (Devorim 4:39) says "Know this day and lay in on your heart that Hashem He is G-d"

The Ma'ayanah Shel Torah brings Chidushei HaRim who explains another aspect to this posuk with which we are all familiar. He says that if the main thing is to "lay it on the heart" it follows that the heart must be cleansed before in order to make room for all this knowledge so that it may take root there.

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