

Parshat Ki Tavo

Moshe taught *B'nai Yisrael* a beautiful *mitzvah*. The first fruits/crops that grow in your field should be given to Hashem as a present (*Korban*). There are seven kinds of fruit that are specific to *Eretz Yisrael*. They are wheat, barley, olives, dates, grapes, figs, and pomegranates. The first of these are the only fruits that need to be brought to the *Mishkan*. Since each crop has a different harvest time, one waits until all seven species are ripe before bringing them to *Hashem*. If the fruit might spoil waiting for all the other fruits to come to harvest, then one might dry the fruit so that it is preserved.

Moshe finished teaching *B'nai Yisrael* almost all the *mitzvot*. From this *parsha* on, Moshe will encourage the nation to keep the Torah. Moshe gave *B'nai Yisrael* some *brachot*. Moshe told *B'nai Yisrael* that if they study Torah and keep the mitzvot, "*Hashem* will lift your nation above all others". *B'nai Yisrael* will be blessed with plenty of food to eat and their enemies will be defeated.

Moshe reminded *B'nai Yisrael* that he is making a new treaty or deal with them. Moshe said that when he took the Jews out of Egypt, they were like babies and didn't know anything about the Torah, but now after travelling in the desert for 40 years, they know to observe the Torah and commandments.