



# Bi'ur Ma'aserot



## When does it happen?

Once every three years: Pesach of the 4th year and shemita year. Bi'ur ma'aserot should be performed before the 7th day of Pesach. Some are stringent and do so by erev Pesach.

## What do I have to do?

If you have any of the following in your possession:



Untithed produce (homemade wine, oil, jam, canned goods) – **tithe them**



Fruit from 4th-year trees (already picked) – **redeem them onto a coin**



Ma'aserot separated but not given to a Kohen, Levi, or poor people – **give them their gifts**



Terumah and challah not separated – **burn or dispose**



Coins used to transfer sanctity of ma'aser sheni or neta revay – **destroy, throw into the sea, or transfer to 2 TB sugar and pour down the drain**

If you do not have any of the above, you do not have to do anything.

Members with coins at Beit HaOtzar don't have to worry about destroying the coin

## What next?

While today it is not compulsory to recite viduy ma'aserot (the tithal confession), since we cannot fulfill all of the land-dependent mitzvot in full, it is customary to say the text (Devarim 26: 12-15) in remembrance of the Beit Hamikdash on the 7th day of Pesach. Viduy ma'aser may be recited in any language, not only in Hebrew.

More on the laws of bi'ur ma'aserot can be found on our website: [en.toroland.co.il](http://en.toroland.co.il)

כי תכלה לעשר את פלי מעשר תבואתך בשנה השלישית שנת המעשר ונתתה ללוי לגר לתום ולא למנה ואכלו בשעריך ושבעו: ואמרת לפני ה' אלקיך בערתי הקדש מן הבית וגם נתתיו ללוי ולגר לתום ולא למנה ככל מצותך אשר צויתני לא עברתי ממצותיך ולא שכחתי: לא אכלתי באני ממנו ולא בערתי ממנו בטמא ולא נתתי ממנו למת שמעתי בקול ה' אלקי עשיתי ככל אשר צויתני: השקיפה ממעון קדשך מן השמים וברך את עמך את ישראל ואת האדמה אשר נתתה לנו כאשר נשבעת לאבותינו ארץ זבת חלב ודבש:

When you have set aside in full the tenth part of your yield—in the third year, the year of the tithe—and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat their fill in your settlements, you shall declare before the L-rd your G-d: "I have cleared out the consecrated portion from the house; and I have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, just as You commanded me; I have neither transgressed nor neglected any of Your commandments: I have not eaten of it while in mourning, I have not cleared out any of it while I was unclean, and I have not deposited any of it with the dead. I have obeyed the L-rd my G-d; I have done just as You commanded me. Gaze from Your holy abode, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the soil You have given us, a land flowing with milk and honey, as You swore to our fathers."

Some add the following mishnah (Ma'aser Sheni 5:13):

'השקיפה ממעון קדשך מן השמים - עשינו מה שגזרת עלינו, אף אתה עשה מה שהבטחתנו, 'השקיפה ממעון קדשך מן השמים וברך את עמך את ישראל - בבנים ובנות, ואת האדמה אשר נתת לנו' - בטל ומטר ובולדות בהמה, 'כאשר נשבעת לאבותינו ארץ זבת חלב ודבש' - כדי שתתן טעם טוב בפירות.

"Gaze from Your holy abode, from the heavens." We have done what You decreed upon us, so too You do what You promised us: [to] "gaze from Your holy abode, from the heavens, and bless Your nation, Israel," with sons and daughters. "And the land You have given us" bless with dew and rain, and [bless] the offspring of [our] livestock. "Just as You have sworn to our forefathers, a land flowing with milk and honey" so that You will give a pleasant taste to the fruit."

After reading the viduy, recite the following prayer:

יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלוקי אבותינו, כשם שזכינו לקיים מצוות ביעור מעשרות וידינו מעשרות, כן יזכנו הקב"ה לקיים מצוות הפרשת תרומות ומעשרות מהתורה, וכן מצוות ביעור מעשרות מן התורה, בביאת גואל צדק ובבניין בית המקדש במהרה בימינו, אמן, כן יהי רצון.

May it be your will, G-d, our L-rd and the L-rd of our forefathers, that just as we have merited to perform the commandment of bi'ur ma'aserot [removing tithes from our possession and delivering them to their proper destinations] and viduy ma'aserot [reciting the tithing confession], so too will G-d give us the merit to perform the commandment of separating terumot and ma'aserot as a Torah obligation, and to perform the commandment of bi'ur ma'aserot as a Torah obligation, with the coming of the righteous Redeemer and the rebuilding of the Holy Temple, speedily and in our day, amen. May it be Your will.