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1. Saying please and thank you, is an old custom.



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2. The Mitzvah of Bikkurim (1st mitzvah of Ki Tavo) is the Jew's way of saying thank you to G-d for his kindness.

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3. Bikkurim only applies:

A. to the '*Sheva minim*' wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, dates and olives.

(Author's note: It is suggested that the congregation be asked what the seven kinds are.)

B. Once the land of Israel had been conquered and divided.



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4. The question: Conquering and dividing Israel took 14 years.

Why does Torah decree that every Jew had to wait until every Jew had his land?



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5. The explanation: bikkurim thanks for complete goodness.

No individual Jew can feel true joy with his lot when there are other Jews who can't.



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6. A similar instance: Jews postpone asking for rain.

Shulchon Aruch: "So Jews who lived near the Euphrates River could reach their homes before the rains."

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7. The Rebbe: Ahavas Yisroel places-

Getting home dry: Only a convenience

-Before-

Rain in Israel: crucial for survival



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8. Another example: The manna

Couldn't taste like foods that are harmful for nursing mothers; the smallest minority.



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9. The Rebbe's lesson –

אל תקרא ויקרא אלא ויקריא

to fully enjoy *"Calling in the name of G-d"* you must first make sure others can.



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10. True and honest pleasure from a relationship with G-d:

Only once a Jew *has* connected another with Yiddishkeit.

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