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Viduy Ma'aserot

The mitzvah of *biur* includes saying the *viduy biur ma'aserot* out loud. In Israel, the viduy should be recited on the seventh day of Pesach, before or after mincha (abroad it is also possible to read it on the

eighth day of Pesach). Note that the Mishna (Sotah 7:1) and Shulchan Aruch (YD §331, 143) state explicitly that viduy ma'aser may be recited in any language, not only in Hebrew.

(Please see the past editions of Torah Tidbits for more details regarding this ritual)

The text for *viduy ma'aserot*, which appears in *parashat Ki Tavo* (*Devarim* 26: 12-15), is as follows:

(יי) פִי תְכַלֶּה לַעְשֵׁר אֶת־כֶּל־מֵעְשֵׁר תְּבוּאֶתְךּ בַּשְׁנָה הַשְּׁלִישָׁת שְׁנַת הַפֵּעֲשֵׁר וְנָתַהָּה לַלֵּוֹי לַגַּר לַיָּתוֹם וְלָאֵלְמֶנָה וֹיִּס וְאָמַרְהָּ לִפְנִי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךּ בְּעַרְתִּי הַקֹּדְשׁ מִן־הַבַּיִת וְגַם נְתַהִּיו לַלֵּוִי וְלַגַּר לַיָּתוֹם וְלָאַלְמֶנָה כְּכָל־מִצְוְתְּדְּ אֲשֶׁר צִנִּיתְנִי לְא־עָבַרְתִּי מִמֶּנּוּ וְלֹא־בָעַרְתִּי מִמֶּנּוּ בְּטְמֵא וֹלֹא־נָתַתִּי מְמֶנּוּ לְמֵת שָׁמֵץתִי בְּקוֹל ה' אֱלֹהָי שְׁשִׁיתִי כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר צִוּיִתְנִי: וְאַרְיִשְׁרָאֵל בָּתְיִנְיִּי בְּאִנִים וּבָרָדְּ אֶת־צִמְּדּ אֶת־יִשְּׂרָאֵל
וְמַתְּהָ לְנוּ בַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לַאֲבֹתִינוּ
אֶרִי זְעָבְת חָלָב וּדְבָשׁ:

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 mishna (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 ובבנות, ואת האדמה אשר נתת לנו - בטל ומטר ובולדות בהמה, כאשר נשבעת לאבותינו ארץ זבת חלב ודבש - כדי שתתו 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 ווידוי מעשרות, כן יזכנו הקב"ה לקיים מצוות הפרשת תרומות ומעשרות מהתורה, וכן מצוות ביעור מעשרות מן התורה, בביאת גואל צדק ובבנין 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.

