

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEPARATING TERUMAH AND MA'ASER

(This is only applicable for Non-Shemitta Produce)

Periodically, we are fortunate enough to obtain fruits and vegetables from Eretz Yisroel (Israel). Due to the sanctity of Eretz Yisroel there are special obligations that apply to its produce. Namely, before eating the produce we must determine that it is not Sh'mittah or Arlah (fruit grown from a tree under 3 years old), and we must separate certain tithes, known as Terumah and Ma'aser. Sh'mittah and Arlah produce should not be eaten.

The following procedure should be performed for produce from Israel that needs to have Terumah and Ma'aser separated from it. Each type of produce should be done separately.

- Separate a bit more than 1% of the food item from Eretz Yisroel and place that portion on a separate plate.
- Say the following:
The portion of (identify the food) in the northern side of the plate which is equivalent to the bit more than 1% of the total (food item), is hereby designated as terumah gedolah. The remaining portion of the (food item) on the plate, plus nine additional portions equal to that portion located on the northern side of the (food item) which are off the plate, are hereby designated as ma'aser rishon. The portion of ma'aser rishon which is on the plate is hereby designated as terumas ma'aser. 10% of the (food item) which has not been designated and which are located on the southern side of the (food item) which are off the plate, shall hereby be designated as ma'aser sheini or ma'aser ani, as appropriate for this year. If ma'aser sheini was designated, its kedushah should hereby be redeemed onto the cRc's specially designated coin.
- The portion which is on the plate may not be eaten or used in any manner. Rather, they should be placed into a bag and disposed of in a dignified manner.

