SHMITA: FRUIT

Shmita: Fruit: Otzar Bet Din

SITUATION You may not sell *shmita* fruit in the normal manner.

WHAT TO DO An <u>otzar bet din</u> can be set up to distribute fruit and pay the farmer for his work on distributing. The <u>otzar bet din</u> then distributes the fruit to the public and gets reimbursed for the expenses.

Shmita: Fruit: Who May Eat

Shmita produce is ownerless and free for use by anyone.

Shmita: Fruit: How To Eat

You may eat fruit of the *shmita* year in *Eretz Yisrael*, but only in the normal way for eating that fruit.

Shmita: Fruit: How To Dispose Of

You may not put *shmita* peels, cores, and other waste parts into the garbage (unlike *teruma*, you may not double-bag them and put them in the garbage). You must put them aside to rot before disposal.

Shmita: Canned Fruit from Eretz Yisrael

You may not buy canned fruit or other produce from <u>Eretz Yisrael</u> (even in later years) if the produce grew during a <u>shmita</u> year (except through an <u>otzar bet din</u>). This may be a problem with exports from Israel.

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