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Terumot and Ma'aserot on the Battlefield

One beautiful phenomena since the beginning of the Swords of Iron war is the outpouring of love by Israelis of all stripes, who generously donate to the soldiers at the various outposts and bases. Donations include fresh produce, from which soldiers cannot be sure that *terumot* and *ma'aserot* were separated properly (if at all). In light of this, we have received many queries from soldiers wanting to know what the best course of action is.

Beit HaOtzar, the *ma'aser* fund of Torah VeHa'aretz Institute, decided to help soldiers who want to ensure they eat tithed food during combat. Recently, Beit HaOtzar has begun to assign coins for *chillul ma'aser sheni* and *pidyon neta revay* for any soldier in need of this service. This free membership to Beit HaOtzar facilitates easy separation of *terumot* and *ma'aserot* on produce whose origin is unknown.

Soldiers still need to separate more than 1% and recite the text

Note that soldiers still must separate a little more than 1% of the produce **and** recite the formula for separating *terumot* and *ma'aserot* (without a *berachah*). As part of the formula, they say that holiness of *ma'aser sheni* is transferred to a coin designated on their behalf. Afterwards, all

they need to do is wrap up and dispose the little more than 1%, and the produce is permissible to eat. The formula for separating *terumot* and *ma'aserot* can be found on our website Hebrew and English websites (toraland.org.il; en.toraland.org.il).

It is gratifying to see that, even though it is a time of war, soldiers still insist on observing the *mitzvah* of separating *terumot* and *ma'aserot*. ■

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