



לזכות התלמידים והתלמידות,
המלמדים והמורות, וכל צוות חדר
ליבאוויטש שיקאגא שיחיו

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Shabbos and Shemitah

Observing Shabbos reminds us of two things:

1. That Hashem created the world and rested on the seventh day.
2. That we were enslaved in Mitzrayim and Hashem performed supernatural miracles to take us out, and so we are beholden to Him. We show this by following His orders and refraining from doing what He forbade us to do on Shabbos.

Shemitah also reminds us of the first point, for by not working the land we remind ourselves that it belongs to Hashem because He created it.

However it does not remind us of the miracles of *yetzias Mitzrayim*. Thus, Shabbos is important even during a *Shemitah* year for the purpose of remembering *yetzias Mitzrayim*.

In truth, however, even in regards to the first point of remembering that Hashem created heaven and earth, *Shemitah* alone is not enough. This is because *Shemitah* only serves as a reminder during those times and moments of the year when one would have been working the land, not while sitting at home eating, learning, etc. Additionally,

Shemitah only serves as a reminder for an individual who owns land.

In contrast, Shabbos—being an entire day—encompasses and thus elevates every action of the day, including eating, learning, sleeping, etc.

On the other hand *Shemitah* has the advantage that it permeates even a non-holy day when one can do work, and yet in the seventh year he still has the limitations of *Shemitah*.

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