

SHMITA: FRUIT

Shmita: Fruit: Otzar Bet Din

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

WHAT TO DO An otzar bet din can be set up to distribute fruit and pay the farmer for his work on distributing. The otzar bet din 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 Eretz Yisrael (even in later years) if the produce grew during a shmita year (except through an otzar bet din). This may be a problem with exports from Israel.