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Gemara: Mishnah said Omer comes from **חדש** and from **ארץ ישראל**

- R' Natan and R' Akiva say **ישן** may be used
- R' Yosi bar R' Yehudah says **חו"ל** may be used; **ממושבותיכם** is about time, not space, for this and for **חדש**
- Attempts to prove that we may not use **ישן**
 - They burn the **קומץ** of **שמיטה** rather than use last year's grain
 - We know they brought **שמיטה** grain, because they paid people to guard it¹
 - That wouldn't be **כרמל** right now.²
 - Two reasons why we can't use last year's: R' Yochanan: **כרמל**. R' Elazar: **ראשית**, not **סוף**.
 - A braisa supports R' Elazar, that the point is to use the first

Gemara (84b tangent from R' Elazar that this should be first): May we use mountain/valley growth?

- Mishnah says we can't bring **ביכורים** from "non-7" or from inferior growth³
 - But we learn that **ביכורים** must be first of various growths, including mountain/valley!
 - That's for **מנחות**
 - **לחמי תודה** or **ביכורים** is for **כל טהור בביתך**
- Ulla says these cannot be dedicated
 - Is Ulla right?
 - Reish Lakish – No; weak animals are also dedicated
 - R' Yochanan – Yes; these are not **kodesh**
 - R' Elazar explains R' Yochanan: Because **מארצך** and **מראשית**⁴ – Not all are eligible
 - R' Elazar is confident because he saw R' Yochanan in a dream⁵
 - Reish Lakish uses **ארץ** to say the finest,⁶ and no **derashah**⁷ from the **מ**
 - Conflicting braisos re: acceptability of produce grown in a roof/ruin/pot/boat
 - Reish Lakish – The **פוסל** is regarding non-land, the **מכשיר** is regarding inferior land
 - R' Yochanan – Acceptability of inferior produce is a **מה' תנאים**

¹ Wouldn't guarding it make it **אסור**, and therefore ineligible under **ישראל**? (Tosafot, Sfas Emes)

² And, apparently, this is within the view that **חוץ לארץ** is not acceptable (Tosafot)

³ Is the inferior valley growth dates or grain? (Rashi vs. Mefarsh)

⁴ **מראשית** ולא **כל ראשית** – **מלך** vs. **כלם** in Tosafot Avodah Zarah 4b (Margaliyos haShas)

⁵ See also Bechoros 5a and 56a. Rashi – I know it will be good. Mefarsh – R' Yochanan gave me the answer

⁶ Rashi/Tosafot – Finest species; Rashi II, Mefarsh – Finest of that species

⁷ Tosafot – Because the **מ** is needed