

Demai perek 5 mishna 1: Separating Maaser from the Baker's Loaf

Q. How much must be taken?

A. Terumas Ma'aser (1%) + Challah ($\frac{1}{48}$ th or about 2%) = **3% of loaf** *



1. Mark off the 3% on the loaf itself, but do not cut it off yet. This is because Terumas Maaser must come after Maaser Rishon.



2. Designate 10% of the loaf as Maaser Rishon, including the 1% that will be Terumas Maaser. Do not actually mark or cut anything off.



3. Now officially designate the 1% as Terumas Maaser, and the remainder of the marked-off area as Challah. Cut it off and give it to the Kohen. The Levi gets nothing, so ignore the imaginary "Maaser Line" from step 2. **



4. Designate Maaser Sheini from what's left of the loaf, redeem it on coins which will be brought to Jerusalem. Now you can eat and enjoy.

* The bread in this mishna is only demai, so we do not need to take off Terumah (Gedolah). We assume that the original am ha'aretz who grew the grain already did so. It is only ma'asros that we must separate (d'Rabanan).

** The reason the Levi gets no Maaser Rishon in step #3 is that (in demai cases) we are not certain if Maaser Rishon was ever taken. Since it may have been taken already, the Levi is not entitled to take another portion without proof. We say "hamotzi michavero, alav ha'raaya" and do not give him anything. The same principle would apply to a poor person who wanted Maaser Ani.