



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Ki Teitzei
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In this week's Parashah the Torah tells us (23:21): "Do not take interest from your brother so that Hashem, your God, will bless you." The question is asked, why is this particular reason given as to why people should not take interest? Rabbis explain that someone who takes interest from another Jew is so to speak blessing himself and saying that he can take care of his own needs. Because of this Hashem doesn't want to bless him. However, a person who lends without taking interest, risks his own money without earning anything in return. This shows that he completely trusts and depends on Hashem's help. This is the person who Hashem will bless.