



Q & A



Here is an interesting question for you
...and the answer, too!

Question: I have a whole apple, and a half of one of the fruit of the "שבעת המינים". Which one should I make the בְּרָכָה on?

Background: When I am planning on eating a number of different fruits (all "בִּזְרָא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ"), I should choose one of the fruit to make the בְּרָכָה on, and then another בְּרָכָה is not required for the others. We choose which one to make the בְּרָכָה on according to the following rules:

The first choice should be one of the "שבעת המינים" (*olives, dates, grapes, figs and pomegranate* - in that order). If none of these fruits are available, the second choice is a **complete fruit** (as opposed to a piece of a fruit). If all the fruits are whole, or all are cut, one should then choose his **personal favourite** fruit (out of the remaining fruit) to make the bracha on.

Answer: Good question! The fruit of the שבעת המינים, always precede (come before) the other types of fruit, even if they are not whole. The reason for this is that even though they are not whole, they are still considered the most "important" of the fruit.

Source: Mishna Berura Orach Chaim 211:4.