

## The Right Approach

"These are the guidelines that you shall set before them" (Shemos 21:1)

In *Parshas Beshalach*, there is a reference to the *mitzvos* which were given to *bnei Yisrael* in Mara. One of those *mitzvos* was the *mitzvah* of judging people's monetary disputes in a court (*dinim*). Here, right after accepting the Torah, we seemingly are again given this commandment as the first *mitzvah* of *parshas Mishpatim*. What is the difference between the *dinim* of Mara and the *mishpatim* in this week's *Parsha*?



Rav Zalman Sorotzkin, the Av Beis Din of Slutzk (also known as the *Lutsker Rav* 1881-1966) explains that *dinim* refer to the obligation to have civil laws to keep disputes at bay and people in order. This is similar to the *mitzvah* of *dinim* that were given to the *Bnei Noach*. However, *mishpatim* are different. *Chazal* tell us that just as the 10 Commandments were given at *Sinai* to the Jews, so too were all these laws; They are G-d-given, and they have particular aspects to them that would not be understood by the regular, rational mind. For example, the average person would not be able to understand why someone would be obligated to pay for revealed things that were destroyed by his fire but not be obligated to pay for the hidden things destroyed by his fire.

Rav Sorotzkin asks another question: Why, of all the *mitzvos* in this week's *parsha*, why was the *mitzvah* of a Hebrew slave given first?

He answers based on modern history. Those who remember the rise of Communism know that it was supposed to be the ultimate society for the small man – everyone would work equally, and all the wealth would be shared equally. Everything sounded good until it came time to actualize it. Those who were put in key positions took advantage of their power, taking the wealth for themselves, while they oppressed the proletariat – the typical wage-earner. One would think that one who claims to be a freedom fighter for the oppressed would be most concerned about his fellow man. However, what happened was exactly the opposite. Those who were oppressed became the oppressors of those of lesser stature. How could this come to be?

The answer is that it is human nature to have such a

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## Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Eli and Michal Simkin on the birth of their daughter **Leora Chava** back in Dec '24. They now invite you to celebrate at a **Kiddush** in their home (Lachish 12/9 Floor –1) this Shabbos after Shacharis. Another Mazel tov to grandparents **Rabbi Aharon** and **Mrs Beverly Simkin**.



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### Shabbos Schedule Parshas Mishpatim

### לוח שבת פרשת משפטים

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:54/17:14	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:16	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:34	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:19	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:04	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
<b>Pele Yoetz Shiur</b>	<b>16:35</b>	<b>פלא יועץ</b>
Mincha 2	16:50	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:35	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:12	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:35	מעריב ב'

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response. After leaving Egypt, Klal Yisrael were in the exact same situation: They went from being an oppressed nation to one where they could even acquire a Hebrew slave. Therefore, the first thing that had to be impressed upon them was not to fall into the natural mindset of a slave-turned-master abusing his newly acquired slave. The Torah put this as the first *mitzvah* of Parshas Mishpatim to emphasize the importance of overcoming our natural tendencies in dealing with our fellow man. Our job is to follow Hashem's commandments because He commanded them, and not because they make sense or feel right to us. For example, the Torah tells us that if the master has but one pillow, he must give it to his Hebrew slave and not keep it for himself! Overcoming our natural tendencies isn't only when owning a slave – it is the way we are supposed to approach all *dinim*.

I believe that this first *mitzvah* is also setting the tone for how we are supposed to approach *all* our learning experiences. Those who were fortunate enough to learn in Yeshiva, were made aware that there is a Torah approach to thinking and processing information. We must approach every thought process and every *mitzvah*, not with our own sense of what is right, rather we must through a Torah-based thought-process in order to reach the correct conclusions.

May we merit to learn properly and come to the intended conclusions that Hashem has set out for us.

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לאדון יש רק כרית אחת, עליו לתת אותה לעבד העברי שלו ולא לשמור אותה לעצמו! התגברות על הנטיות הטבעיות שלנו היא לא רק בענייני עבד עברי, אלא זו הדרך שבה אנחנו אמורים לגשת לכל התורה.

לדעתי, מצווה ראשונה זו קובעת את נימת האופן בו אנו אמורים לגשת לכל לימודנו. מי שזכה ללימוד בישיבה, קלט שיש גישה תורנית לחשיבה ולעיבוד מידע. עלינו לגשת לכל חשיבה ולכל מצווה, לא מתוך התחושות שלנו מה נכון, אלא דרך חשיבה תורנית כדי להגיע למסקנות הנכונות. שנזכה ללימוד כראוי ולהגיע למסקנות שה' קבע עבורנו.

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## Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

**Reminder:** If you would like the Gabbai to read the name of a *choleh* on Shabbos during the *Mi SheBeirach*, you must submit it via Email to Mrs. Zakoo by Thursday! Send your list of *Hebrew Names* using *Hebrew Letters* to Mrs. Zakoo at [office@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:office@ahavasshalom.org).



## Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Purim!*

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: [cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom](http://cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom)

Shiurim are archived at [ahavasshalom.org/youtube](http://ahavasshalom.org/youtube)

## Pele Yoetz Shiur

Continuing this Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. This week, the shiur will begin at 16:35 in the hall on the topic **טענות**.



## Amud Yomi News



Mazal Tov to the members of the *Amud Yomi Shiur* on the completion of *Meseches Shavuot!*

The shiur has just started *Meseches Kesuvos* and YOU are invited to join. The shiur meets Sun-Thu 09:30-10:30 in the hall.



Questions that appear in this newsletter come from *RBSsemicha.com*. Four volumes of questions are now available in print. See [rbssemicha.com/books](http://rbssemicha.com/books) for more information.

The Tuesday Halacha shiur is now learning *Hilchos PURIM*—see how well you do with these questions

## Q&A: A Fast Coffee

**Q** Yitzchak Tzvi got up late on Thursday, so he quickly ran to the Kosel to daven, but left after *chazaras hashatz* so he could be in class on time. On the way back, he stopped at Co-Fer to get a coffee and a danish, and ate half on the way back to the Beis Medrash. "Why are you eating?" asked his chevrusa Avidan. "Today is *Taanis Esther!*" Yitzchak Tzvi realized that he forgot about the fast, since Purim was not until Monday in Jerusalem (and Sunday elsewhere). What should Yitzchak Tzvi do now?

- 1) He should stop eating, but does not need to make up the fast.
- 2) He should fast on Friday to make up for the missed fast.
- 3) He should fast on a day after Purim to make up for the missed fast.

**A** 2. He should fast on Friday. While *Taanis Esther* is normally the day preceding Purim (Adar 13), in this case, that would have been Shabbos, when it is not permitted to fast. It should have therefore been pushed off to Friday the 12th, the closest day to the 13th. However, Chazal did not want people to go into Shabbos hungry and weak, so they pushed it off further to Thursday. In our example, since Yitzchak Tzvi needs to make up the fast, he should do so at the earliest possible time, which would be Friday.

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## הגישה הנכונה

יְאֹלָה הַמְשַׁפְּטִים אֲשֶׁר תִּשִּׁים לְפָנֶיהֶם: (שמות כא:א)

בפרשת בשלח יש התייחסות למצוות שניתנו לבני ישראל במרה, כולל המצווה לדון תביעות כספיות בבית דין ('דינים'). כאן, מיד לאחר קבלת התורה, לכאורה המצווה הראשונה של פרשת משפטים היא אותה מצווה. מה ההבדל בין דינים במרה למשפטים בפרשת השבוע?

הרב זלמן סורוצקין, אב"ד סלוצק, מסביר כי 'דינים' מתייחס לחוקים אזרחיים שבאים כדי לצמצם מחלוקות ולשמור על סדר בין אנשים. דומה למצוות 'דינים' שניתנה לבני נח. אולם 'משפטים' הם שונים. חז"ל אומרים לנו שכשם שעשרת הדברות ניתנו בסניי לבני ישראל, כך גם כל ההלכות הללו ניתנות על ידי ה', ויש להן היבטים מיוחדים שאינם מובנים במונחים רגילים. לדוגמה, רוב האנשים לא יוכלו להבין מדוע חייבים משום אש אבל פטורים על טמון באש.

הרב סורוצקין שואל שאלה נוספת, "מדוע, מכל המצוות הכתובות בפרשת השבוע, מצוות עבד עברי היא הראשונה?"

הוא עונה על סמך ההיסטוריה המודרנית. מי שזוכר את עליית הקומוניזם, יודע שזו הייתה אמורה להיות החברה המושלמת עבור העובדים הרגילים - כולם יעבדו שווה בשווה, וכל העושר יתחלק שווה בשווה. הכל נשמע טוב עד שהגיע הזמן לממש את זה. אלה שהוכנסו להנהגה ניצלו את כוחם, לקחו את העושר לעצמם, בעוד הם דיכאו את הפרולטריון - השכירים הטיפוסיים. אפשר היה לחשוב שמי שמתיימר להיות לוחם בעד חירות המדוכאים, ידאג במיוחד לרווחת הזולת. עם זאת, מה שקרה היה בדיוק הפוך. המדוכאים הפכו למדוכאים של בעלי מעמד נמוך מהם. איך זה יכול לקרות?

התשובה היא שהתנהגות זו היא טבע האדם. לאחר יציאתו ממצרים, כלל ישראל היה באותו מצב בדיוק. עברנו מעם משועבד לאומה שבה יכלו אפילו לקנות עבד עברי. לכן, הדבר הראשון שהיה צריך להטמיע בהם היה לא ליפול לתוך הלך הרוח הטבעי של עבד שהפך לאדון, שמתעלל בעבדים שלו. התורה כתבה זאת כמצווה ראשונה של פרשת משפטים כדי להדגיש את חשיבות ההתגברות על נטיותינו הטבעיות בהתמודדות עם רעינו. התפקיד שלנו הוא לקיים את מצוות ה' כי הוא ציווה אותנו, ולא כי הן הגיוניות או מרגישות נכונות. למשל, על פי ההלכה, אם

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## Learning and Oneg Shabbos

- 16:45 Boi BeShalom Kids' programs (Girls and Boys)  
20:45 Boys: Learning followed by Oneg Shabbos at 21:15  
20:45-21:45 Bochorim: Learning with special snack table  
20:45 Adults: Beis Medrash Learning or *Alshich Hakadosh* shiur from R' Avishai Hill followed by Oneg Shabbos 21:45

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## Rosh Chodesh Adar

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דְּקוֹת אַחֲרֵי שְׁבַע בְּלִילָה.

The Molad will be Thursday night, 2 minutes after 7. (Israeli Clock Time 18:54)



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יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Friday and Shabbos.

Weekday times until Parshas Terumah	י' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת תרומה
	06:10, 07:15*, 08:15	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	שחרית	
	12:30, 17:21	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	מנחה	
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	מעריב	

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