



PARSHAS MISHPATIM

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"IF YOU SEE THE DONKEY OF YOUR ENEMY STRUGGLING UNDER ITS BURDEN, WILL YOU DESIST FROM HELPING HIM? YOU SHALL REPEATEDLY HELP WITH HIM!" (Shemos 23:5) *כִּי־תִרְאֶה חֲמֹר שֶׁנֶּאֱכָר רֵבִץ תַּחַת (Shemos 23:5) מְשֹׂאוֹ וְחֹדֶלְתָּ מֵעֹבֵד לוֹ עֹבֵד תַּעֲבֹד עִמּוֹ:*



There are two positive commandments related to helping the owner of an animal in distress. The first is an obligation to assist an owner in loading his animal when its burden has fallen off. The second is to assist the owner in unloading an animal struggling under its burden.

If a person is presented with both opportunities he should first unload the animal in distress and then load the other animal. The former is suffering while the latter can wait until it is reloaded. The Talmud (Bava Metzia 32b) discusses the following dilemma: if an animal of a friend is lying under its burden, while at the same time an animal of one's enemy needs to be loaded, which takes precedence? The Talmud answers that one should help his enemy's animal in order to subdue one's evil inclination. Subduing one's impulse to hate a fellow Jew is of such importance that it takes precedence even over the obligation of unloading an animal. To subdue one's evil inclination one is required to help his 'enemy' before his friend.

What is puzzling, though, is why performing a favor for one's enemy a method for removing hatred. Why not learn classic introspective Torah works? Likewise, the Tannaic work Derech Eretz Zuta states: "If one wishes to increase love for another person, he should exert himself to do the other person kindness."

We learn from here that when one does a favor for another person it creates a loving bond with that person. If a spouse feels that there is a rift in the relationship and wants to repair it before it gets out of hand he or she should follow the lesson of this portion and do some favor or act of caring instead of waiting for an apology. This seemingly minor gesture will help remove the feelings of anger or resentment in one's heart and patch up the hard feelings.

This week, let us work on shalom and letting go of resentment and frustration by going out of our way to reach out and do for others. When this happens we will find joy, serenity and inner peace in all our interactions!

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

**Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas
Mishpatim, Feb 21**

**Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 5:35, CL 5:32 PM**

Shabbos Feb 22

**Shacharis 8:45 AM
Mincha 5:15 PM
Shabbos Over 6:42 PM**

Sunday Feb 23

**Shacharis 8:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 5:40 PM**

Monday – Thursday Feb 24-27

**Shacharis: 7 AM
Mincha/Maariv 5:40 PM**

**Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas
Terumah & Shekalim, Feb 28**

**Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 5:45, CL 5:41 PM**

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B'ezras Hashem we are proud to announce that Nachshon Fertel and Adam Galili have been named Co-Treasurers of KI.

Both Nachshon and Adam will spearhead everything related to membership, budgets, collections, and finance.

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HALACHA

Halachic Guidelines for Using Shabbos Candles for Lighting

1. Designation for Mitzvah Shabbos candles are set apart for the mitzvah of illumination and should not be used for any other purpose.
2. Lighting from a Shabbos Candle One may light a match from a Shabbos candle if the match is then used to light another Shabbos candle. Since this act is part of fulfilling the mitzvah, it is permitted. However, the common custom is to refrain from doing so. One may light one Shabbos candle directly from another without concern, as this constitutes an immediate fulfillment of the mitzvah.
3. Why There Is a Difference Lighting a match is considered an intermediate step, rather than the final act of fulfilling the mitzvah. This is why it is generally avoided unless necessary. Directly transferring the flame from one candle to another completes the mitzvah immediately, so it is permissible.
4. If Necessary If no other option is available, one may light a match from a Shabbos candle to fulfill the mitzvah of lighting another candle.
5. After Shabbos A Shabbos candle that went out or leftover oil from the lighting may be used for any purpose after Shabbos. If the leftover oil is to be discarded, it should be done respectfully, such as by wrapping it before placing it in the trash.

RELEVANT HALACHA SHAILOS-GIVEN BY THE RAV AFTER MINCHA ON SHABBOS DURING THE LEARNING SEDER



Halacha Shiur- Halachos of Hachana

Is studying for a test hachana?

Can you roll a sefer torah on shabbos for yom tov reading that is the next day?

Can you try on many shirts on shabbos during the nine days so you can wear them after shabbos?

Can I clean the table after shalos suedah?

Can a child be put into pajamas on shabbos if their bedtime is after shabbos?

Can I take cake from a kiddush and add extra pieces for after shabbos?

Can you give out raffle tickets if the raffle is after shabbos?

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Shabbos- Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 10 minutes after mincha

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