



# Kids Parsha Packet

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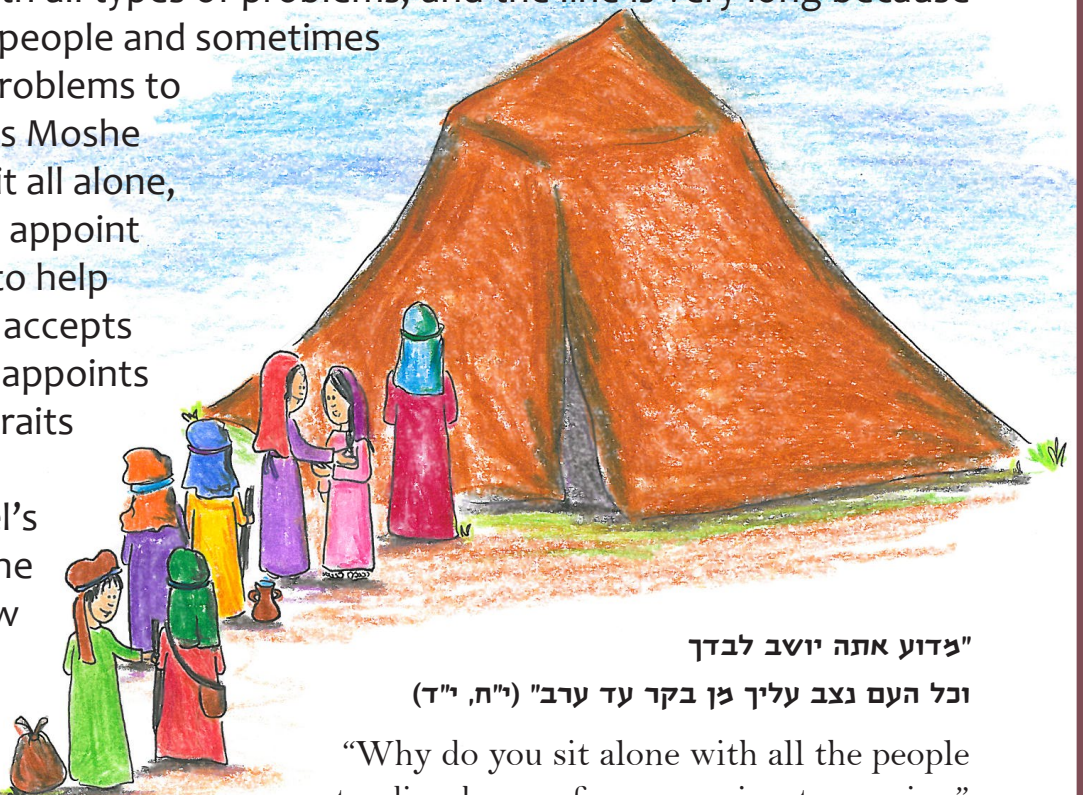
## Parshat Yitro

Last Week in Parshat Beshalach:

Bnei Yisrael walk through the sea and are saved from the Egyptians, and they praise Hashem with a song.

### It Is Hard to Work Alone

Do you like to work alone or share the work with other people? From the time that Bnei Yisrael left Egypt, Moshe has been working very hard. He is the person that all of Bnei Yisrael come to with their questions, and he is the only one who knows how to answer them. Yitro, Moshe's father-in-law, comes to the desert with his daughter Tzipora, Moshe's wife, and Moshe's two sons. Yitro tells Moshe that he heard about how Hashem saved Bnei Yisrael from Egypt and that he came to thank Hashem. Yitro sees that every day, people come to Moshe with all types of problems, and the line is very long because there are so many people and sometimes there are a lot of problems to resolve... Yitro tells Moshe that he cannot do it all alone, and that he should appoint important people to help him judge. Moshe accepts Yitro's advice, and appoints judges with good traits that will help him answer Bnei Yisrael's questions. When the judges do not know how to answer, they turn to Moshe. This way, his busy workload is divided among more people.



"צִדּוּעַ אֹתָהּ יוֹשֵׁב לְבַדּוֹ

וְכָל הָעָם נֹצֵב עָלָיו מִן בֹּקֶר עַד עֶרֶב" (י"ח, י"ד)

"Why do you sit alone with all the people standing by you from morning to evening"

(18,14)



What do you think are good character traits?



## The Biggest Gathering The Biggest Gathering

Bnei Yisrael left Egypt, saw many great miracles, and now they are preparing for a very special day, the day that Hashem will give them the mitzvot for them to keep. Hashem did not only free Bnei Yisrael from Egypt so that they will be free from harsh slavery. Hashem freed them from Egypt so that he could give them, the chosen nation, the Torah, with all of the mitzvot that Hashem wants to give Bnei Yisrael. Moshe explains to Bnei Yisrael that Hashem will reveal himself on Har Sinai and that they cannot come close to the mountain or touch it. Only Moshe is allowed to go up on the mountain. And then, one morning, incredible miracles happen, lightning begins, the sound of the great shofar is heard, a cloud descends on Har Sinai and it is covered in smoke. Hashem calls Moshe to come up onto the mountain, and there Hashem gives Moshe the Ten Commandments, ten important mitzvot that Hashem wants Bnei Yisrael to keep.



וְכָל הָעָם רֹאִים אֶת הַקּוֹלוֹת וְאֶת הַלְפִידִים  
וְאֶת קוֹל הַשּׁוֹפָר וְאֶת הָהָר עֹשֵׂן  
וִירָא הָעָם וַיִּנּוּעוּ וַיַּעֲבְדוּ בַּרְחוֹק" (כ', ט"ו)

"The entire people saw the thunder and the flames, the sound of the shofar and the smoking mountain; the people saw and trembled and stood from afar." (20, 15)



Do you know which mitzvot are included in the ten commandments?

### Activity

"Thunder and Lightning" - What sounds can you make with your voice or with other items in the house.



## Parents Have A Special Place

What are the Ten Commandments? We learned that these are ten mitzvot that Hashem gave us on Har Sinai; the ten most important ideas for Bnei Yisrael. Of course there are other important mitzvot that are given to Bnei Yisrael that must be kept, but the Ten Commandments are the most basic mitzvot that each person needs to keep. The fifth mitzvah in the Ten Commandments is honoring your parents. Honoring your parents is so important that the Torah writes that whoever keeps this mitzva will live a long life. The Torah does not often write this about mitzvot. The Torah does not explain what it means to honor them, or how we have to honor our parents. But since we all have parents we can think about it together. Maybe it means listening to what our parents say even if it is not always what we want to hear? Or maybe helping them when they need us? Or maybe not bothering them when they are sleeping? Or maybe honoring our parents means understanding that our parents do everything for us, and it is important for the children to recognize this and say thank you.



"כבד את אבין  
ואת אמך  
למען יארכון ימין"  
(כ', י"א)

"Honor your  
father and  
your mother,  
so that  
your days  
will be  
lengthened"  
(20,11)



How can we honor our parents?

**Activity**

"Give Honor" - Decide who is the king (or queen), and every time he walks by, treat him like royalty - preparing a special chair, fanning him, giving him a massage, reading him a book, telling jokes, etc.



## My property belongs to me!

The eighth mitzvah in the Ten Commandments is “you shall not steal”. Here too, the Torah does not explain exactly what is considered stealing, but we know it is very important because it is written as one of the ten most central mitzvot. So let us think together why it is so important to keep this mitzvah. Think of something in your house that you love: a doll, a book or a Lego set. One day someone comes to your house and takes it. You do not know who took it and if you will ever get it back. What you do know is that you are very sad about losing it... Unfortunately, today there is a lot of theft of important property, money and more, and many people in the world are either sad

"לא תגנב"  
(כ', י"ב)

"You shall  
not steal"  
(20,12)



or have a big problem because some of their belongings were stolen. We often want something that does not belong to us, or we do not have enough money to buy what we want. But we cannot take it without permission. We always need to ask before using something that belongs to someone else, or we need to pay for it if it costs money. Many of the Ten Commandments are designed to create a pleasant environment for people to live.

### Activity

“Making it pleasant” – Together as a family, think about the most important things that you need in a house, including issues between family members, in order for it to be enjoyable for everybody.

## Next Week In Parshat Mishpatim...

We will learn about the Oral Torah and how it helps us understand the mitzvot that Hashem gave us...

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