



# Kids Parsha Packet

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## Parshat Kedoshim

Last week in Parshat Acharei Mot:

We learned about the Avoda of the Kohen Gadol in the Mishkan on Yom Kippur.

### Can we reap the entire field?

It is dinner time. You sit down to eat but your mother or father is still at work. What do you do? You set aside a plate of food for them to eat later, don't you? Because in a family everyone makes sure that everybody has enough to eat. Hashem teaches Bnei Yisrael that we are all one big family and that we all have to take care of each other. Poor people suffer because they don't have enough money for all different reasons and therefore do not have enough food to eat. In the past, there were no supermarkets. Bnei Yisrael worked the land to produce food. They had to grow their own wheat, fruits and vegetables. Hashem tells Bnei Yisrael that when they gather the crops from their fields, they must leave a corner of the field for the poor so that only they can gather from it and have food to eat.

"וּבְקַצְרְכֶם אֶת קִצִּיר אֲרָצְכֶם  
לֹא תִכְלֶה פֶּאת שָׂדֶךָ" (י"ט, ט')

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not complete your reaping to the corner of your field." (19,9)



Have you ever helped a poor person? How?

## It is important to think about how we can help...

We use our eyes all of the time. We check our appearance in the mirror to see if we have to comb our hair or adjust our clothes. On the way to school you look both ways before crossing the street. You look at your plate to see the food that you are eating, you read books and much more. What is a blind person? Someone who cannot see at all. Think about how difficult it is to do simple activities without being able to see. If you see a blind person, wouldn't you try to help him avoid stepping on something that could cause him to fall? Hashem tells Bnei Yisrael that they must make sure not to make it more difficult for blind people, to confuse them, or cause them to make any other mistake. Our sages learned that the Torah isn't referring only to a blind person, but rather to everybody. We all sometimes need help with things that are difficult for us. Whoever helps should make every effort to do so in the best way possible.

"And you shall not place a stumbling block before the blind" (19,14)

"ולפני עור לא תתן מכשול"  
(וי"ט, י"ד)



### Activity

"Obstacle race". Prepare obstacles around the whole house (piles of pillows, chairs, dark rooms and others). Each member of the family must make it through all of the obstacles. Don't forget to help anyone who needs it!

## Let's get to work

The sun rises. Everybody wakes up and gets ready to go to school, and Mommy and Daddy go to work. What work do they do?? Why do they work? Because they need to earn money in order to buy food, clothing, books, toys and other things. In other words, they go to work so that the family has everything that they need. What would happen if your parents went to work and did not get the money that they deserve? They would be very sad, and so would the whole family because it would be very hard to buy things that the family needs. Hashem tells Bnei Yisrael that when people hire someone to build a house, sew clothing, prepare a cake or any other work, they must be sure to pay the workers on time.

"A hired worker  
shall not stay  
overnight with  
you until  
morning"  
(19,13)

"לא תלין  
פעלת שכיר  
אתך  
עד בקר"  
(י"ט, י"ג)



What kind of work do you want to do when you grow up?

**Activity**

"Right on Time": Prepare several stations with different "household chores" (putting on shoes, building a tower with Lego, washing hands, etc.) and race to see who can complete all of the stations in 2 minutes.

## I have love in my heart, and it will win!

Hashem gives Bnei Yisrael many mitzvot about relationships between people. Why? Why can't everyone do whatever they want? Because if everyone did whatever they wanted, what kind of world would we live in? It would be terrible chaos! Hashem gives Bnei Yisrael commandments that help them create a

system in which people treat others with respect and kindness, and help people who are having a hard time. Who benefits when we all treat each other nicely? We all do. There is a mitzvah that requires us to love our friend as we love ourselves. Helping others is very important, but also helping ourselves and being able to learn to love who we are and those around us will make the world a much better place.

Good Luck!

"ואהבת  
לרעך כגורך"  
(וי"ט, י"ח)

"You shall  
love your  
fellow as  
yourself"  
(19,18)



Do you have room in your heart to love everybody?

**Activity**

"I love". Stand in a circle. One person jumps into the circle and tells someone else what he loves about that person, and adds a motion. The second person also tells the first person what he likes about him (you can say all sorts of things - I love your eyes, I love your kindness, etc.).

## Next Week in Parshat Emor...

We will learn how Bnei Yisrael celebrated the holidays at the time of the Mishkan.

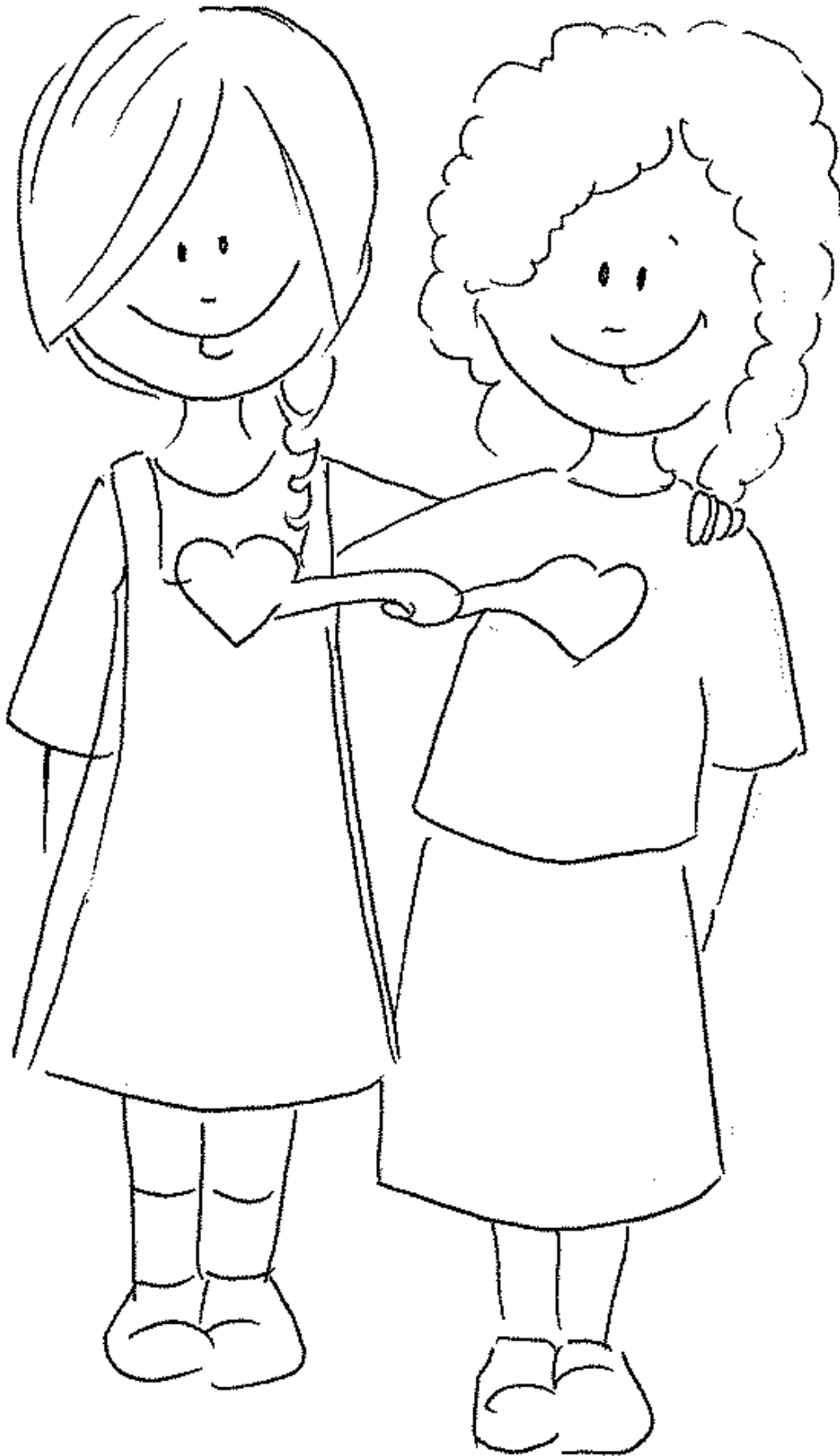
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