

MITZVAS
LO SAASEI

#256

We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כב:כא)

כָּל אֶלְמָנָה וְיָתוֹם
לֹא תַעֲנוּן

We can't make an *almanah* (widow) or a *yasom* (orphan) feel bad. We have to be very careful to speak to them and act with them in a VERY friendly and nice way!

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#301

We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (ויקרא יט:טז)

לֹא תִלְךָ רֵכִיל בְּעַמֶּיךָ

We are not allowed to go around talking about other people — even if the things are true, and even if we aren't saying not nice things! This is called *rechilus*. When people share information with other people, they probably don't want everyone to know about it.

This *mitzvah* also includes *Motzi Shem Ra*, saying something not nice that ISN'T true about another person. (In today's Rambam, we see that this *mitzvah* also includes *Lashon Hara*, saying something true that isn't nice.)

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#304

We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (ויקרא יט:יח)

לֹא תִקֵּם

We aren't allowed to do *nekamah* — to look for a way to pay someone

back for something not nice they did to us. (For example, if you went to a kid and asked to borrow his ball, but he said no, *nekamah* would mean that the next time he asks you to borrow something, you say no, to pay him back for not lending you his ball.)

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#305

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (ויקרא יט:יח)

לא תקם ולא תטור

We aren't allowed to do *netirah* — to stay angry at someone who did something not nice to us, even if we don't take *nekamah*! (So if the kid didn't share his ball, we can't say to him, "I'm nicer than you because I'm going to let you play with my toy even though YOU wouldn't let me play with YOURS!") That shows that we were holding the hatred in our heart, which is *asur*.

Rambam: Hilchos Deios, Hilchos Talmud Torah

PEREK VOV

In today's Rambam, we learn that the people you are friends with, and the people you spend time with, are very important! Make sure your friends are the kind of people you want to be like!

PEREK ZAYIN

The Rambam also teaches us many things about *Ahavas Yisroel*. We need to care about another person's respect like we do about our own, and be careful with another person's money the way we care about our own.

PEREK ALEF

We also start learning the *halachos* of learning Torah today! One of the *halachos* we learn is that a father has a *mitzvah* to make sure his kids learn Torah! (The Alter Rebbe says in the *Shulchan Aruch* that this is not just for boys, but a father also needs to make sure his girls learn too. And even though the *mitzvah* is given to the father, both parents work together to make sure that the children get the best *chinuch* there could be!)