

מצות
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Yisro: (שמות כ"ב)

אַנְכִי ה' אֱלֹקֶיךָ

We need to know that there is an *Aibershter*, Who is the Creator of everything that exists!

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Yisro: (שמות כ"ג)

לֹא יִהְיֶה לְךָ
אֱלֹקִים אֲחֵרִים עַל פְּנֵי

We are not allowed to think that anything else can be like Hashem.

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#2

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Vaeschanan: (דברים ו'ד)

שִׁמְעַיִשְׂרָאֵל
ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ ה' אֶחָד

We need to know that Hashem, Who makes everything exist, is ONE. We say this in *Shema* every day, and knowing this and thinking about it is also called being *Mekabel Ol Malchus Shomayim*.

Mitzvos Tmidiyos

There are six *mitzvos* that a person should keep ALL THE TIME. Every time a person thinks about them, he is doing a *mitzvah*!

The first of these *mitzvos* is the *mitzvah* to believe in Hashem.

Every Yid naturally believes in Hashem. It's part of our *neshamah*! We feel in our heart, without even thinking, that there is an *Aibershter* that created the world and takes care of every part of it.

But this is not enough. We have a *mitzvah* to THINK about it, so that our mind can also be part of our belief in Hashem.

The Rambam (in the first *perek*) explains what we need to know and think about, so that our *sechel* will believe in Hashem too.

Chassidus explains how to understand our *Emunah*, in many places! For example, there is a long *maamar* from the Tzemach Tzedek, called "Ha'amanas Elokus" in *Derech Mitzvosecha* which explains all about believing in Hashem.

Rambam: Hilchos Yesodei HaTorah

PEREK ALEF

The Rambam teaches us the first, most important thing we need to know before we learn anything else in the whole Torah: To know that there is only one Hashem, that He created everything, that He controls everything, and that nothing could exist without Hashem. We can't see Hashem, but we know that He is always there!

PEREK BEIS

This *perek* has the *halachos* about loving Hashem, and having *Yiras Shomayim*! We need to think about how special everything Hashem created is. The more we think and learn about Hashem, the more we will love him and want to act the way a Yid should.

PEREK GIMMEL

This *perek* teaches us about outer space! The Rambam explains how there are different levels in the sky, with the moon, stars, and all of the planets. Did you know that the stars all know Hashem and say praises to Hashem?