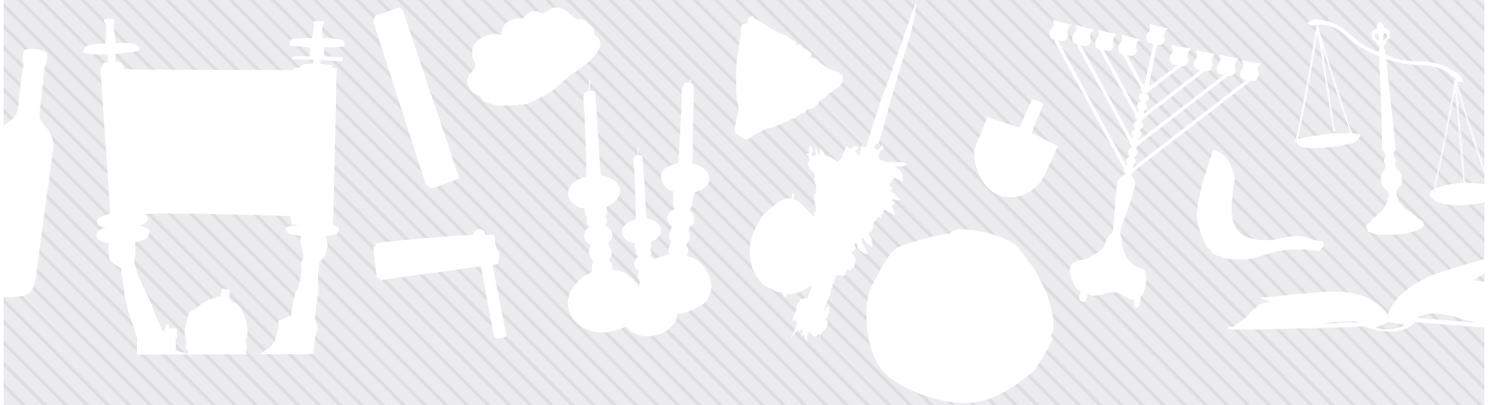


# HALACHOS HATZRICHOS

PACKET #7



# THE YESOD OF SHULCHAN ARUCH

One of the hardest parts of keeping all of the *halachos* of Torah is being different from other people.

Starting from the very moment of *Matan Torah*, the Medrashim say that the *Goyim* were already laughing at the Yidden for keeping all of the *mitzvos*. The same is true today, that people laugh at us or criticize us for following what Hashem asks us to do.

That is why the foundation of the whole *Shulchan Aruch*, what makes it possible to keep it all, is what Yehudah *ben* Teima says: “Be bold like a leopard!” That means not to be embarrassed by what other people think. By keeping the *mitzvos*, we WILL look different than others. They might laugh at us, and say that we are doing something wrong. If we let that stop us from doing even just a few *mitzvos*, it will eventually be hard to do ANY *mitzvos*.

At the time of *Matan Torah*, the Yidden stayed strong in their *Emunah* in Hashem. They realized that since Hashem runs the world, He knows what is best. We need to behave the way Hashem tells us to!

The same is true today. Even if other people think we are strange for following the *halachos* of Torah, we should be bold like a leopard and not worry about what they think.

(See *Igros Kodesh vol. 18, p. 49*)



# MITZVOS TMIDIYOS

There are *mitzvos* that we do by giving,  
and *mitzvos* we do by smelling.  
There are *mitzvos* we do by walking,  
and *mitzvos* that we do by telling.

There are also six *mitzvos* that we do by thinking  
— and they are *mitzvos* to do ALL THE TIME!

These *mitzvos* are called the *Mitzvos Tmidiyos*,  
the “all-the-time” *mitzvos*. They have to do  
with the way we think and the way we look at  
the world.

Usually, the best place to learn how to do the  
*mitzvos* right is in *Shulchan Aruch*. But to do  
these *mitzvos* right, we need to learn *Chassidus*!  
*Chassidus* helps us understand Hashem and the  
way He runs the world, so that we can think  
properly and do these six *mitzvos* all the time.

*Over the next few days, we will IY”H go over these  
mitzvos.*



# MITZVAS HA'AMANAS ELOKUS

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 *neshama*! We feel in our heart, without even thinking, that there is an *Aibishter* 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.



# SHELO LEHAAMIN LEZULASO

There are six constant *mitzvos*, *mitzvos* that we need to keep all the time, by having our mind used to thinking in this way.

The second of these *mitzvos* is “*Shelo Lehaamin Lezulaso*,” not to believe in anything but Hashem. (This is the matching *Mitzvas Lo Saasei* for the first of these six *mitzvos*, which is to believe only in Hashem.)

We keep this *mitzvah* by knowing that there is nothing in the world that has its own *koach*, only Hashem.

In the times when people worshiped *Avodah Zarah*, this meant that nobody should think that a *malach* or a star has its own *koach*. Really, *malochim* and parts of the sky have *koach* only because Hashem gives it to them.

Nowadays, this means that we shouldn't think that someone else is in charge of our needs. It's not up to the boss at work, the next door neighbors, or the principal to give us the things we need.

Hashem often makes other people His *shluchim* to help another person. For example, when you are little, your needs are taken care of by your parents. The truth is that our parents are *shluchim*, and the real *bracha* is coming straight from Hashem.



# LEYACHDO

The third *mitzvah* of the “constant *mitzvos*,” the *mitzvos* we are able to keep ALL the time, is “**Leyachdo.**” That means to realize that Hashem is ONE — *Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echod.*

When we look around, it looks like there are many different creations, and *kochos* coming from the things we do. But when we learn more about Hashem and think deeply about Him, especially during *davening*, we realize that these are all really the same Hashem shining in different ways!

This is explained very clearly in *Chassidus*, starting with *Shaar Hayichud* of the Alter Rebbe, and in the many *maamarim* of the *Rebbeim*.

When we learn about this Oneness of Hashem, and make this understanding part of us, we are fulfilling the *mitzvah* of *Leyachdo*.



## LAAHAVA OSO

There are six constant *mitzvos*, “*Mitzvos Tmidiyos*,” that we are supposed to keep ALL the time.

The first three of these *mitzvos* are about believing and knowing about Hashem. The fourth *mitzvah* is to LOVE Hashem.

Loving Hashem means feeling that we WANT to be connected to Hashem.

The only way to be able to always do *mitzvos* with a real *chayus* is to realize that we love Hashem, and want to be connected to Him! The only way to be close to Hashem is by doing His *mitzvos*, so we will want to do them all in the best way.

How do we feel this way? It’s all in the *posuk*! We learn the *mitzvah* of loving Hashem from the *posuk*, “*Ve’ahavta Es Hashem Elokecha*,” “and you should love Hashem.” It continues, “*Vehayu Hadvarim Ha’eileh, Asher Anochim Metzaveh Es’chem Hayom, Al Levavecha*.” “You should keep these words I am commanding you today on your heart.”

This is HOW we can love Hashem: When we remember these words that Moshe Rabbeinu told the Yidden — about how Hashem is the *chayus* of every Yid, and how much He loves them!

We are taught how to keep this *mitzvah* in the first *chelek* of *Tanya*, and in more detail throughout *Chassidus*.

