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## פרשת יתרו

לזכות הרה"ח הרה"ת ר' עקיבא גרשון בן רחל בתי שיי  
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## Ten Commandments, One Message

After forty-nine days of preparation, the *Yidden* stood at *Har Sinai* ready to receive the *Torah*. Hashem gave the *Yidden* the *aseres hadibros* which contained two types of *mitzvos*. On the first side of the *luchos* Hashem gave very spiritual and fundamental *mitzvos*: to believe in Hashem, and not serving *avoda zara*. On the second side of the *luchos* Hashem gave very simple and basic *mitzvos*: not to kill, steal, or be jealous.



**Question** – The *aseres hadibros* are the basis of the entire *Torah*. Why did Hashem include such simple *mitzvos*, which are seemingly obvious commandments, that we would have known even without the *Torah*?

**Answer** – It may be clear to a person not to kill or steal, yet, if he feels differently one day, for example, if his friend cheated him or acted not

nicely to him, then he may allow himself to steal or do something else not nice to his friend. Hashem therefore put these simple *mitzvos* together with the *mitzvos* of belief in Hashem and not serving *avoda zara*. This teaches us that the foundation and reason for all *mitzvos* – even the ones we understand – is strictly because Hashem commanded us to do them. Then, no matter how we feel, we will always keep the *mitzvos*.

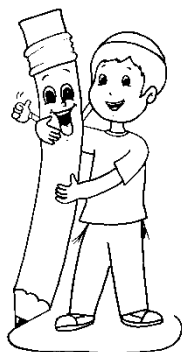
**Lesson** – When learning *Torah* and fulfilling the *mitzvos* we try to understand them to the best of our ability. But even if we don't understand a certain *mitzva*, we still do it, simply because Hashem commanded us to.



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## Let's Review...



What does this week's *parsha* speak about?

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What question do we have?

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What is the answer?

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What lesson can we learn from this week's *parsha*?

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