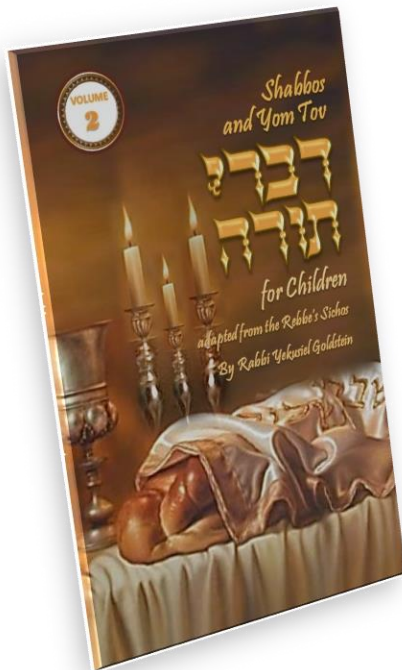


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The Torah Way

Parshas *Mishpotim* begins with the *possuk*, “And these are the laws that you shall set



before them.” We learn from this *possuk*, that if a *Yid* has an argument with another *Yid*, he must bring the matter “before **them**,” before the *Yiddishe beis din*, and not to the non-Jewish court.

What if a *Yid* knows that in his particular case the non-Jewish court judges the same way as the *Torah* does, can he go then to the non-Jewish court? The *halacha* is, that even then, he may not go to the non-Jewish court.

Question – We could understand why going to the non-Jewish court is forbidden when they judge **differently** than the *Torah* way. But why is it forbidden when they judge the same way as the *Torah*?

Answer – Someone who follows the non-Jewish court, does the law **because it makes sense** and because the non-Jewish court is saying so, not because this is the **Torah’s ruling**. Once he starts listening to them, he will continue listening to them even when they rule **against** the *Torah*. The *Torah* therefore forbids us from going to their judges altogether.

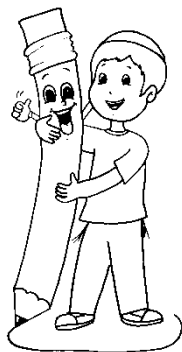
Lesson – Our *yetzer hara* works in a similar way. The *yetzer hara* doesn’t come to a child and tell him straight out, “Hey, go do an *aveira!*” He first comes and tells him, “Hey, that’s a nice *mitzva* to do, you can do it.” And once he gets us listening to him, he gradually tells us to do an *aviera*. We must watch out for the *yetzer hara*’s tricks and make sure to do **all** Hashem’s *mitzvos!* And not just because they make sense, but because **Hashem** commanded us to do them!



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Let's Review...



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

What question do we have?

What is the answer?

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