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Hashem Loves Us

Q: Does Hashem love us despite the fact that we do all sorts of things against His will?

A: Yes, since we are his children.

Ma'aser for Food for a Family with a New Baby

Q: Is it permissible for use Ma'aser to buy food for a family with a new baby?

A: If they are poor. Ma'aser is for the poor.

Debt at Kiosk that Closed Down

Q: I had a debt at a Kiosk that closed down and I haven't been able to locate the owner. What should I do?

A: Try your hardest to find him. If it is impossible, give the money to a Tzedakah that benefits the most amount of Jews. For example, an organization that helps Tzahal soldiers, because we all benefit from Tzahal.

The Letter Shin of Tefillin

Q: Why does the letter Shin have three heads on the right-hand side of the head Tefillin and four heads on the left side (Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 32:42)?

A: Some explain that the three heads correspond to the three Forefathers and the four heads correspond to the four Foremothers (Eliyahu Rabba ibid. #65).

Selling Weapons

Q: Is it permissible for the State of Israel to sell weapons to another country?

A: If they are not murderers (Rambam, Hilchot Avodah Zarah 9:8, Hilchot Rotzeach U-Shemirat Nefesh 12:13. And see a discussion of this entire subject in the book "Kol Yehudah" of Ha-Rav Yehudah Gershuni p. 172).

Visiting Arabs who are Ill

Q: Our youth group is going to the hospital to hand out candy to the sick. What should we do about the Arab patients?

A: Give to them as well. Our Rabbis taught: "We sustain the non-Jewish poor with the Jewish poor, visit the non-Jewish sick with the Jewish sick" (Gittin 61a. Rama, Yoreh Deah 251:1).

Eliyahu's Chair

Q: Is it permissible to sit on Eliyahu's Chair just to sit down?

A: Yes.

Student who Disturbs All the Time

Q: I am a teacher and there is a student who constantly disturbs the class. What should I do?

A: It seems that something in his life is bothering him. Have a personal conversation with him.

Tevilah For a Nutcracker

Q: Does a nutcracker require immersion in a Mikveh before use?

A: Yes. In the book "Tevilat Kelim" of Ha-Rav Tzvi Cohain, p. 197.

Mishneh Torah of the Rambam

Q: How many chapters are in the Rambam's Mishneh Torah?

A: 1000.

Q: How many letters and Teshuvot did the Rambam write?

A: I have heard 3000.

Should I Marry

Q: My father passed away. My mother is alone and said that if I get married she will be even more alone. Perhaps I shouldn't get married?

A: You should certainly get married. 1. It is a great Mitzvah. 2. This is what will bring her joy: to see you married and to have grandchildren. 3. You should continue to be as close as possible with her after you are married, obviously in cooperation with your wife.

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