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**Veshinantam
Levanecha**



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בַּדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּכֶם וּבְקוּמְכֶם

And you shall teach the
Torah to your children, and
you should speak about
it when you are home and
when you travel, before
you lie down to sleep and
when you wake up.

(DEUTERONOMY 6:7)

The Torah isn't just one subject. It isn't one thing to check off our list in the morning. Torah needs to be part of our whole day and night!

When the words of Torah are always with us, we'll be able to live the way the Torah teaches us, all the time and everywhere.

We Deserve It!

The eighth *posuk* of the *Yud-Beis Pesukim* is the *posuk* of *Veshinantam*. This *posuk* comes from the Torah, and is a part of the *Shema* that we say every day!

The *posuk* means:

Veshinantam Levanecha — You should teach the words of Torah to your children (and your students)

Vedibarta Bam — and discuss it with them

Beshivtecha Beveisecha — when you are sitting in your house,

Uvelechtech Vaderech — and when you are going on your way,

Uveshachbecha — and when you lie down to go to sleep

Uvekumecha — and when you wake up.

The *Yud-Beis Pesukim* all have important lessons for us. What is the lesson of *Veshinantam*?

The Rebbe tells us that kids need to make sure that they are getting what they deserve! Parents and teachers have the *achrayus* to do *Veshinantam Levanecha*, to teach their kids and their students Torah! And not just a little bit of Torah — but in a way that we will have Torah with us all the time! Our house should be a Torah house, when we go places it should be in a Torah way, and we should go to sleep with a word of Torah and get up in the morning the way the Torah teaches!

Kids can be very stubborn about things, and this is a GOOD thing to be stubborn about! We should tell our parents that we want to have A LOT of Torah! We want to go to a Jewish camp and a Jewish school, to have the BEST *Chinuch*, so that we will know Torah and be able to live with it all the time.

See sicha Lag B'Omer Tof-Shin-Lamed-Vov

Keep Learning

What do you do in your free time?

At a rally, the Rebbe spoke to kids about what we do when we have extra time.

As Jewish kids, we have a different way of doing things! We don't just look at what everyone else does, we look at what the Torah says we should do.

And what does the Torah say?

Veshinantam Levanecha Vedibarta Bam — Parents and teachers have a responsibility to teach and discuss Torah with their children and their students!

Beshivtecha Beveisecha — When you are sitting in your house, after school or *shul*, that is also a time for Torah!

Uvelechtecha Vaderech — When you are on your way somewhere, whether you are driving to school or to Bubby's house, that is a time for Torah too!

Uveshachbecha Uvekumecha — At bedtime and in the morning are also times for Torah!

After school, we are not finished learning! We can find a book, or a game, or a contest that will give us the chance to learn more.

When we are in the car, we can ask our parents to listen to Torah stories or *shiurim*!

Before we go to sleep, we can make sure we are learning something too! We can review the *Tanya* or *Mishnayos* we know by heart, or learn *Sefer Hamitzvos*.

In the morning, we can start off our day with *Chitas* or another *shiur*.

That way, we can be sure that we will be learning Torah in a way of ***Veshinantam*** — all the time!

See sicha Yud-Beis Adar Tof-Shin-Mem-Beis

Teachers and Friends

The eighth *posuk* of the *Yud-Beis Pesukim* is *Veshinantam*.

This *posuk* tells us that parents and teachers have a responsibility to teach Torah all the time and everywhere!

Veshinantam Levanecha — You should teach the Torah to your children and your students

Vedibarta Bam — And discuss the words of Torah

Beshivtecha Beveisecha — When you are sitting in your house

Uvelechtechta Vaderech — And when you are traveling

Uveshachbecha Uvekumecha — And when you go to sleep, and when you wake up!

We might look at this *posuk* and think that we will do what the *posuk* says when we get older. We aren't parents or teachers yet! We can ask our parents to do it, but we can't do it ourselves.

But the Rebbe says that *Veshinantam Levanecha* IS for kids too!

When we share the words of Torah we know with another child who doesn't know it, we are also teachers!

To be good teachers, we need to make sure to learn in a way of *Veshinantam*! The word *Veshinantam* comes from a word that means sharp and clear. We should make sure that the Torah we know is very clear in our minds, and that we are behaving according to what we know!

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