



תּוֹרַה צִוָּה לָנוּ מֹשֶׁה מֹרֶשֶׁה קְהִילַת יַעֲקֹב

The Torah that Moshe
commanded us is the heritage of
the congregation of Yaakov.

(DEVARIM 33:4)

Torah Tziva — The first *posuk* is *Torah Tziva*. We say, “*Torah Tziva Lanu Moshe*,” the Torah which Moshe Rabbeinu commanded us, is “*Morasha Kehilas Yaakov*” — a *yerusha* to the whole Jewish people.

This means that the entire Torah, together with all of the parts of Torah that Moshe Rabbeinu got on *Har Sinai*, belongs to every single Yid!

The *posuk* teaches us that every Yid, even a young child, needs to know that the whole Torah is **THEIRS**, and that we should appreciate how precious the Torah is! That’s why right when a baby is born, we hang up words of Torah like *Shir Hamaalos* where the baby sleeps, and mothers sing songs about Torah, so the children will always know that “*Torah iz di beste s’chora*,” Torah is the best thing they can ever have!

Our Torah

Torah Tziva and *Shema* were chosen to be the first two *pesukim*. This is based on what the *Gemara* says, that as soon as a child starts to speak, his father should teach him to say *pesukim*. The *pesukim* the *Chachomim* tell us to first teach are *Torah Tziva* and *Shema Yisroel*!

So the very first *posuk* we start off the *chinuch* of a Jewish child with is *Torah Tziva*.

The words of the *posuk* mean that Moshe Rabbeinu taught us (“**Tziva Lanu**”) the Torah, and it is given over as a *yerusha* (“**Morasha**”) to all of

the children of Yaakov (“***Kehilas Yaakov***”), all of the Yidden.

The lesson that this *posuk* teaches us is that Torah is OURS!

When we have a toy that is OURS, we put it away in a special place, we spend time playing with it and figuring out how it works.

The Torah is ours too! When we think about that, we will want to keep Torah close to us! We will want to spend time learning and understanding this special present that belongs to us.

See Der Rebbe Redt Tzu Kinder, vol. 5 p. 245