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This week's is about Parshas Yisro



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DVAR TORAH

DOWNLOADING COOKIES

When I was young, my parents taught me the ten commandments. They were:

1. I am G-d
2. Honor Your Parents
3. Honor Your Parents
4. Honor Your Parents
5. Honor Your Parents
6. Really, really Honor Your Parents
7. Honor Your Parents a whole lot
8. You'd better Honor Your Parents or else!
9. Don't kill anyone
10. Don't be jealous of other people's parents.

I've heard a couple of other versions of the ten commandments, but it was always a little surprising to me that honoring parents makes



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Our forefathers chose to keep the commandments, but at Sinai is when they were really set in stone.

it to the BIG 10! Of course, it's important to be respectful. It's also important to make sure your shoes are tied, and to shut off the tap while brushing, but those didn't make the list!

In all seriousness, just think about it. The Ten Commandments are the fundamental building blocks of society. No murder or theft, belief only in the One true God, honesty in court. If an honest, moral person has a lousy relationship with his parents - OK, it's not good - but it's not the end of the World... is it?

(At this point, your parents have snatched this paper out of your grasp and tossed it unceremoniously in the trash. Assuming you manage to smuggle it back out, you can read the answer, and then try to explain to your parents that I'm on their side, being a parent myself.)

Clearly, honoring our parents is pretty huge. According to the great Rabbos (that's the

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name of a Rabbi, BTW), a failure to honor our parents can lead to absolute disaster! He claims that if people don't honor their parents, it can lead to war, and complete breakdown of society. How does that work?

It makes perfect sense to me! Have you ever been on a diet before? Cookies are usually not high up on the "great diet food" list. The truth is that eating a cookie (yes, I, too was shocked to find out that the word cookie can be written in the singular form) isn't terrible for your health, and won't make you gain 37 pounds (eating 37 pounds of cookies might, although all that chewing is bound to burn some calories). Yet for someone on a diet, eating even one cookie, leads down a path of no discipline. A path of more cookies. A path that could easily lead to complete dietary disaster.

Of course the actual act of disrespecting parents (while reprehensible) won't destroy the world. Yet exhibiting a lack of respect for authority figures, and a lack of basic gratitude is a cookie that's headed toward disaster. It's like a car windshield. It's strong as long as there are no cracks. Once the smallest of pebbles cracks that windshield, the crack will grow and spread until eventually the glass shatters (which makes it hard to eat more cookies) I'm getting a few lessons from this. First of all, small things can result in



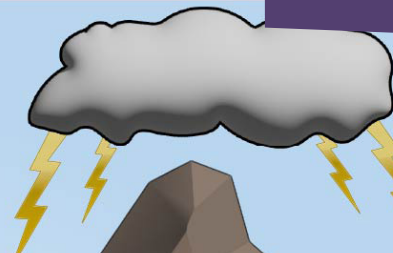
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changes. Refusing to bring your mom a cup of water, or not making your bed when she asks may not seem like a lot, but if we ignore the small stuff, we will end up facing much greater challenges. Second of all, we see the importance of how we treat our parents. It's a not a small deal, it's a biiiiiiiiig deal! Can't I be a good person and have a lousy relationship with my parents? Maybe for a while. Eventually, though, it will catch up to you, and the extent to which you give your parents respect will carry over to many larger areas of life.

If you give a Mom a cookie, she's going to want a cappuccino...

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