

TUESDAYS IN THE TORAH

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Parashat Shoftim שופטים

Tuesday’s Tale of the Tzaddikim*Not Less Than Ten Rubles***Mitzvah List: Which of the 613 Occur in This Week’s Portion***See Attached***We Are Trees****The Cube of Divine Space and Living in the Times with Cities of Refuge***The Six Perpetual Mitzvot*

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Living in the Times of Elul and Making Judges For/Within Ourselves*“In all your gates”: The Seven Gates and the Gate of Your Minds***Appointing Judges from a P’shat Point of View***Beit Din vs. a secular court***A Talmudic Tale and the Rabbis’ Use of the Gospel of Matthew: The Lamp and the Donkey****The King of Israel****The Prophet Like Moses**

Mitzvah List

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- P176** To appoint judges.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every time and place. Deuteronomy 16:18
- N13** Not to plant a tree in the Temple courtyard.
Applies to Jews and God-fearing Gentile believers in Jerusalem. Deuteronomy 16:21
- N11** Not to erect a standing stone for people to revere.
Applies to Jews and God-fearing Gentile believers in every place and time. Deuteronomy 16:22
- N95** Not to sacrifice an animal with a temporary blemish.
Applies to the priesthood in Jerusalem with the Temple and Levitical system in place. Deuteronomy 17:1
- P174** To obey the Great Sanhedrin.
Applies to Jewish people and God-fearing Gentile believers in every time and place. Deuteronomy 17:10–11
- N312** Not to disobey the Great Sanhedrin.
Applies to Jewish people and God-fearing Gentile believers in every time and place. Deuteronomy 17:11
- P173** To appoint a king.
Applies to everyone in every place and time. Deuteronomy 17:15
- N362** Not to appoint a non-Israelite as a king over Israel.
Applies to the Jewish people in every time and place. Deuteronomy 17:15
- N363** Not to have too many horses.
Applies to the king of Israel in every place and time. Deuteronomy 17:16
- N46** Not to dwell in Egypt.
Applies to Jewish people in every place and time. Deuteronomy 17:16
- N364** The king of Israel may not multiply wives to himself.
Applies to the king of Israel in every place and time. Deuteronomy 17:17
- N365** The king of Israel may not amass undue wealth to himself.
Applies to the king of Israel in every place and time. Deuteronomy 17:17
- P17** To write a personal copy of the scroll of the Torah.
Applies to the king of Israel in every place and time. Deuteronomy 17:18

- N169** Not to allot the Levites an inheritance of land.
Applies to the Jewish people in the land of Israel with the Temple and Levitical system in place. Deuteronomy 18:1
- N170** Not to allot the Levites a share in the spoils of war.
Applies to the Jewish people in the land of Israel with the Temple and Levitical system in place. Deuteronomy 18:1
- P143** To give the priests certain portions from every ritually slaughtered animal.
Applies to Jewish butchers in the land of Israel. Deuteronomy 18:3
- P126** To separate the great *terumah* for the priesthood.
Applies to Jewish farmers doing agriculture in the land of Israel and, by rabbinic extension, in Babylon and territories annexed by King David. Deuteronomy 18:4
- P144** To give the first of every sheering to the priesthood.
Applies to Jewish livestock owners with five or more sheep in the land of Israel. Deuteronomy 18:4
- P36** To serve according to divisions.
Applies to the priesthood in Jerusalem with the Temple and Levitical system in place. Deuteronomy 18:6–8
- N32** Not to practice clairvoyance.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- N33** Not to practice magic.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- N34** Not to practice spell-casting.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- N35** Not to practice the art of a charmer.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- N36** Not to consult mediums or necromancers.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- N37** Not to consult wizards.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- N38** Not to consult the dead.
Applies to both Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:10
- P172** To heed the true prophets.
Applies to both Jews and God-fearing Gentile believers in every time and place. Deuteronomy 18:15

N26 Not to prophesy in the names of idols.

Applies to Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:20

N27 Not to prophesy falsely in the name of the LORD.

Applies to Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:20

N29 Not to fear putting a false prophet to death.

Applies to Jews and Gentiles in every place and time. Deuteronomy 18:22

P182 To establish the six cities of refuge.

Applies to Jewish people in the land of Israel. Deuteronomy 19:3

N279 Not to have pity on a murderer.

Applies to both Jewish and Gentile judges on a court of law when the murderer has been convicted by due process. Deuteronomy 19:13

N246 Not to move a neighbor's landmark.

Applies to everyone in every time and place. Deuteronomy 19:14

N288 Not to pass judgment on the word of one witness.

Applies to both Jewish and God-fearing Gentile judges in every time and place. Deuteronomy 19:15

P180 To do to false witnesses as they intended to have done to their victim.

Applies to Jewish courts in the land of Israel with the judicial system in place. Deuteronomy 19:19

P191 To anoint a priest for war.

Applies to the priesthood at a time when the Jewish people occupy the land. Deuteronomy 20:2–4.

N58 Not to fear the enemy in battle.

Applies to Jewish and Gentile soldiers fighting on behalf of the nation of Israel at the LORD's command at a time when the Jewish people occupy the land. Deuteronomy 20:3

P190 To wage war according to the law of the Torah.

Applies to the army of Israel at a time when the Jewish people occupy the land. Deuteronomy 20:11

N49 Not to spare the lives of any of the seven Canaanite nations.

Applies to the army of Israel at a time when the Jewish people occupy the land. Deuteronomy 20:16

N57 Not to destroy fruit trees even in times of war.

Applies to Jewish men and women in every time and place. Deuteronomy 20:19

P181 To decapitate a calf for an unsolved murder.

Applies to the elders and judges of a Jewish city in the land of Israel when Jewish people live in the land. Deuteronomy 21:4

N309 Not to plow the place where the heifer was killed.

Applies to Jews and God-fearing Gentile believers in the land of Israel. Deuteronomy 21:4