### **Torah Talk for Mishpatim 5782**

**Exodus 21-24** 

**Ex. 21:1** These are the rules that you shall set before them:

**Ex. 21:2** When you acquire a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years; in the seventh year he shall go free, without payment.

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**Ex. 23:19** The choice first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

**Ex. 23:20** I am sending an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have made ready. <sup>21</sup> Pay heed to him and obey him.

# The "Ten Commandments"

Ex. 20:1 God spoke all these words, saying:

**Ex. 20:2** I the LORD am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage: <sup>3</sup> You shall have no other gods besides Me.

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Ex. 20:13 You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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**Ex. 20:14** [17] You shall not covet your neighbor's house: you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female slave, or his ox or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Ex. 20:15 All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning,

#### The Rules for the Tabernacle

Ex. 25:1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup> Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him. <sup>3</sup> And these are the gifts that you shall accept from them

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Ex. 31:12 And the LORD said to Moses: <sup>13</sup> Speak to the Israelite people and say: Nevertheless, you must keep My sabbaths ... For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He ceased from work and was refreshed.

**Ex. 31:18** When He finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the Pact, stone tablets inscribed with the finger of God.

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**Ex. 35:1** Moses then convoked the whole Israelite community and said to them:

These are the things that the LORD has commanded you to do:

<sup>2</sup> On six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. <sup>3</sup> You shall kindle no fire throughout your settlements on the sabbath day.

Ex. 35:4 Moses said further to the whole community of Israelites:

This is what the LORD has commanded:

<sup>5</sup> Take from among you gifts to the LORD; everyone whose heart so moves him shall bring them—gifts for the LORD: gold, silver, and copper; <sup>6</sup> ablue, purple, and crimson yarns, fine linen, and goats'

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hair; <sup>7</sup> tanned ram skins, dolphin skins, and acacia wood; <sup>8</sup> oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the aromatic incense; <sup>9</sup> lapis lazuli and other stones for setting, for the ephod and the breastpiece.

Ex. 40:33

When Moses had finished the work,

<sup>34</sup> the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud had settled upon it and the Presence of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out, on their various journeys; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they would not set out until such time as it did lift. <sup>38</sup> For over the Tabernacle a cloud of the LORD rested by day, and fire would appear in it by night, in the view of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys.

# Sacrificial Rituals

**Lev. 1:1** The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying: <sup>2</sup> Speak to the Israelite people, and say to them:

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<sup>17</sup> It is a law for all time throughout the ages, in all your settlements: you must not eat any fat or any blood.

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Lev. 4:1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup> Speak to the Israelite people thus:

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Lev. 7:37 Such are the rituals of the burnt offering, the meal offering, the sin offering, the guilt offering, the offering of ordination, and the sacrifice of well-being, <sup>38</sup> with which the LORD charged Moses on Mount Sinai, when He commanded that the Israelites present their offerings to the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

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Lev. 8:36 And Aaron and his sons did all the things that the LORD had commanded through Moses.

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**Lev. 16:34** This shall be to you a law for all time: to make atonement for the Israelites for all their sins once a year.

And Moses did as the LORD had commanded him.

### The Holiness Code

Lev. 26:46 These are the laws, rules, and instructions that the LORD established, through Moses on Mount Sinai, between Himself and the Israelite people.

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Lev. 27:34 These are the commandments that the LORD gave Moses for the Israelite people on Mount Sinai.

**Deut. 26:16** The LORD your God commands you this day to observe these laws and rules; observe them faithfully with all your heart and soul. <sup>17</sup> You have affirmed this day that the LORD is your God, that you will walk in His ways, that you will observe His laws and commandments and rules, and that you will obey Him. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD has affirmed this day that you are, as He promised you, His treasured people who shall observe all His commandments, <sup>19</sup> and that He will set you, in fame and renown and glory, high above all the nations that He has made; and that you shall be, as He promised, a holy people to the LORD your God.

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