B'nei Torah

Children of Torah

משפטים

Mishpatim
(Ordinances)

This Parasha is filled with many separate Torah commandments. The first section has commandments concerning the ownership of slaves, both male and female.

The next section deals with ordinances concerning oxen, particular if one gores another ox or if an ox gores a man. It outlines the specific fines and duties of the owner of such an ox. The Torah calls for the ox who gores to be killed so that it does not do so again.
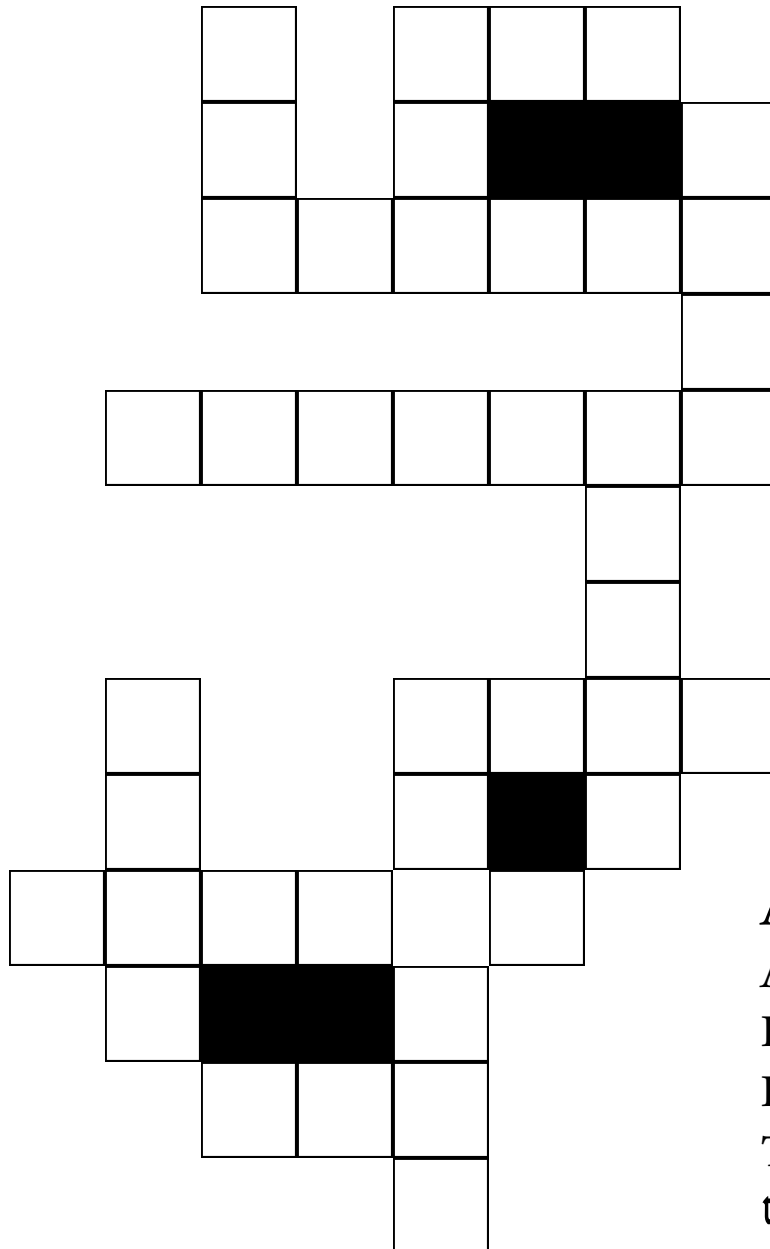
Next we have ordinances which deal with restitution, like if a person takes that which does not belong to him and what he must do to make it right before YHWH and before man. This includes ordinances concerning the taking away of a young woman's virtue.

One of the ordinances that is contained in this portion teaches us that we are not to take our neighbor's cloak as a pledge, for then he would have nothing to cover himself with at night. What this teaches us is that when we cover ourselves up at night the garment or blanket that we cover up with should have tzitziot on the four corners of it. For this is what would have been on the garment given as a pledge.

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Put the appropriate Hebrew words in the boxes.

Down Words

The Yevusites — היבוסי

Donkey — חמור

Hittites — חתי

Neighbor — ריע

Animal — בהמה

Breaking in — מחתרת

Across Words

Avihu — אביהוא

Hornets — צרעה

Horse — סוס

The Ordinances — המשפטים

Pit — בור

The Canaanites — הכנעני

Match the English word with the Hebrew word. If you need some clues, look around on the other pages.

English	Hebrew
Slave	חמור
Sheep	בור
Field	שור
Ox	שדה
Donkey	שה
Pit	נדב
Nadav	כפר
Witness	עד
Ransom	פרזי
Hivvites	בהמה
Perizzites	חוי
Animal	עבד
Neighbor	ריע
Hornets	צרעה

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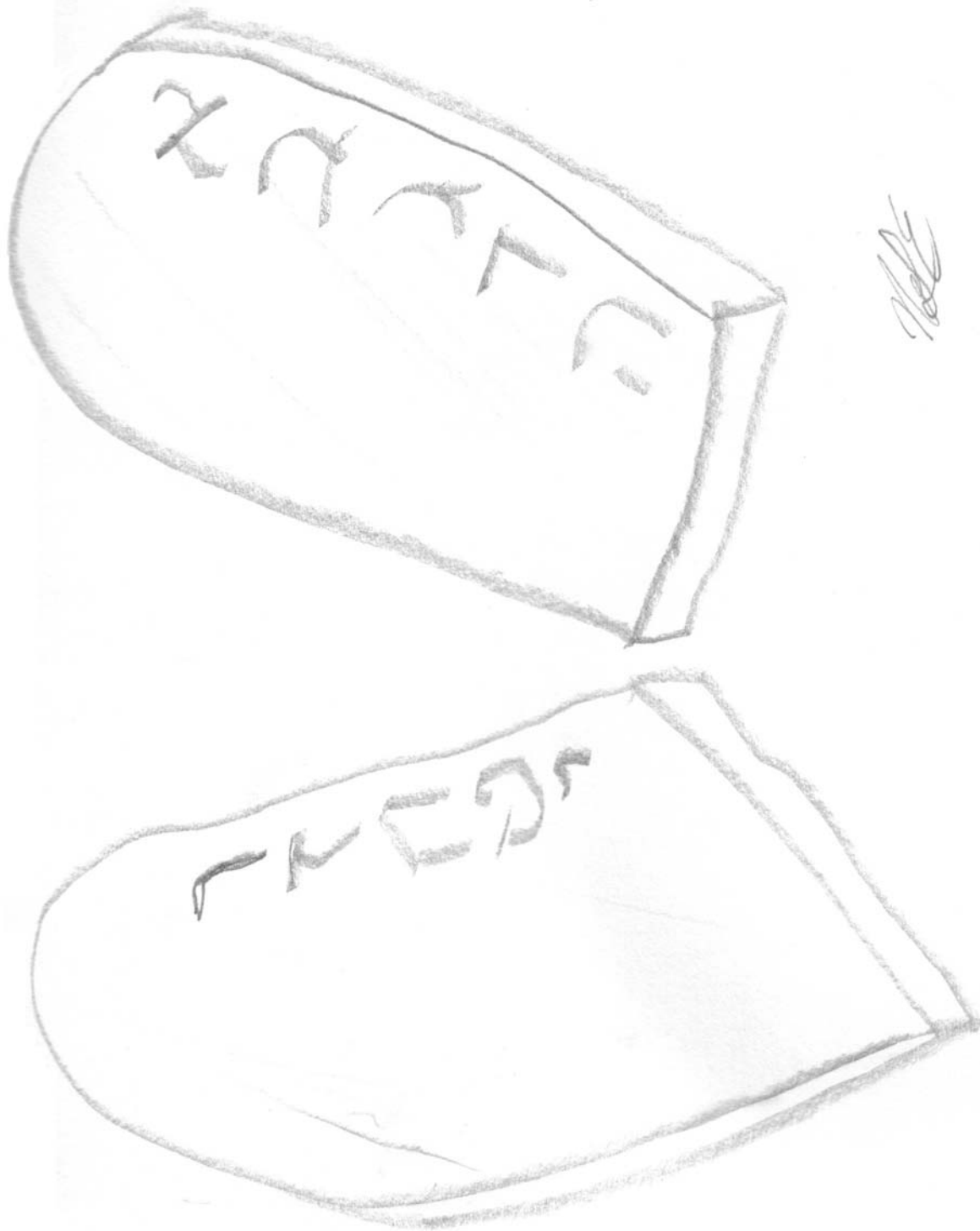|			
ישלם	יתמים	אלמנות	משפתים
Make Restitution	Orphans	Widows	Judgments
לילה	יום	ארבעים	ספיר
Night	Day	Forty	Nobles
צדיק	נחלת	גרים	שבעים
Righteous	To Take Possession	Strangers	Seventy

Can you find any extra words? None of the words cross each other. All letters below are used in at least one word, except two letters. Those two unused letters also form a word.

א	ג	א	ס	ס	י	ת	פ	ש	מ
ל	ר	א	פ	י	ה	מ	ה	ב	ת
מ	י	ש	י	ת	ס	י	ע	ב	ש
נ	ס	ה	ר	מ	ס	ה	ל	י	ל
ו	ל	ע	ב	י	ק	ה	נ	ב	ל
ת	ס	ו	י	ס	ל	א	י	ש	נ
ד	י	ד	צ	ס	י	ע	ב	ר	א
ד	ת	ל	ח	נ	ג	ס	ל	ש	י
ס	ה	מ	ל	ש	ר	ל	ל	ק	מ
ס	י	ל	ק	ש	ה	ת	ו	ס	כ

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