Class # 44–Vezot Ha'bracha -Sharing the love

Advanced Fellowship Parsha Class - Sponsored in memory of Alice Toby Barbanel Z”l

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# A father enjoys sharing the first Giants game with a baby fan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LraUJhgKMWc>

# Yeshivat Yavneh Siddur Play 2015 Kitah 1B

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_AgrP4mQyw>

1. What do these two instances of parents sharing with children have in common? How are they different?

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6:4 [Listen](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=5&CHAPTER=6#C3877), Israel, God is our Lord, God is One. 6:5 You must love God your Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. 6:6 These words which I am commanding you today must remain on your heart. 6:7 Teach them to your children and [speak of them- when you are at home, when traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=5&CHAPTER=6#C3878).

2) What is the role of LOVE in teaching Torah to your children in the Shema?

Parshat V’zot Ha’bracha – the last parsha of the Torah

This is the blessing with which Moses, the man of God, bade the Israelites farewell before he died.

He said: The LORD came from Sinai; He shone upon them from Seir; He appeared from Mount Paran, And approached from Rivivot-kodesh, Lightning flashing at them from His right.

Lover, indeed, of the people, Their hallowed are all in Your hand. They followed in Your steps, Accepting Your pronouncements,

**Moses commanded us the Torah: the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob:**

**תּוֹרָ֥ה צִוָּה־לָ֖נוּ מֹשֶׁ֑ה מוֹרָשָׁ֖ה קְהִלַּ֥ת יַעֲקֹֽב׃**

(ד) **תורה** – אשר צוה לנו משה, מורשה היא לקהל יעקב, אחזנוה ולא נעזבנה.

Rashi: The Torah that Moses commanded us is an inheritance for the congregation of Jacob: We have taken hold of it, and we will never let it go!

1. Why is the Torah an Inheritance? What is it similar too?
2. Why does Rashi comment that “We have taken hold of it, and we will never let it go!”

Rambam, Laws of Torah Study, Ch.1:6

At what age is a father obligated to teach [his son] Torah?

When he begins to speak, he should teach him *Torah tzivah lanu Moshe...* ([Deuteronomy 33:4)](http://www.chabad.org/9997#v4) and *Shema Yisrael...* (*ibid.* 6:4).

Afterwards, he should teach him [selected verses], little by little, verse by verse, until he is six or seven - depending on his health - [at which time] he should take him to a teacher of young children.