Class # 27 – Parshat Acharai Mot –Sexuality in the age of Tinder?

Advanced Fellowship Parsha Class

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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgwMck46CYQ>

Tinder has 50 million users, 10 million active users, 10 billion matches, 26 million matches per day, 54% of Tinder users are single, 79% of users are millennials

1. What is the hookup culture?
2. What does the author claim is the motivation?
3. What is her goal is moving the culture towards?

“The fog [of hookup culture], in other words, isn’t just on college campuses; it’s everywhere. It has infiltrated our lives, obscuring our ability to envision better alternatives: sexualities that are more authentic, kinder, safer, more pleasurable, and less warped by prejudice, consumerism, status, and superficiality. We need to understand what’s happening on college campuses because what’s happening there is happening everywhere.” American Hookup: The New Culture of Sex on Campus – Lisa Wade

1. What does this culture do promoting the family?

*Vayikra -Ch. 18 Sexual Laws*

18:1 God spoke to Moses, telling him to 18:2 speak to the Israelites, and say to them:

I am God.

18:3 Do not follow the ways of Egypt where you once lived, nor of Canaan, where I will be bringing you. [Do not follow [any] of their customs](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2458). 18:4 Follow My laws and be careful to keep My decrees, [for] I am God your Lord. 18:5 Keep My decrees and laws, since it is only by keeping them that a person can [[truly] live](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2459). I am God.

*Incest*

18:6 No person shall approach a [close relative](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2460)/she’er to commit a [sexual offense](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2461). I am God.

*Parents*

18:7 Do not commit a sexual offense against your [father](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2462) or mother. [If a woman is] your mother, you must not commit incest with her.

*A Stepmother*

18:8 Do not commit incest with your [father's wife](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2463), [since this](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2464) is a sexual [offense] against your father.

*A Sister*

18:9 Do not commit incest with your sister, even if she is the daughter of [only] your father or mother. Whether she is [legitimate or illegitimate](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2465), you must not commit incest with her.

*Grandchildren*

18:10 Do not commit incest with your son's daughter or your [daughter's daughter](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2466), since this is a sexual crime [against yourself](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2467).

*A Half Sister*

18:11 Do not commit incest [with a daughter that your father's wife has borne to your father](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2468). She is your sister, and you must not commit incest with her.

*Other Forbidden Relations*

18:17 Do not commit incest [[by marrying](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2471)] a woman and her daughter. Do not even take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, since this constitutes incest. Since they are blood relatives, it is a [perversion](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2472). 18:18 Do not marry a woman and [then take] her sister as a rival to her as long as [the first one] is alive. 18:19 Do not come close to a woman who is [ritually unclean because of her menstruation](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2473), since this is a sexual offense. 18:20 Do not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, since this [will defile her](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=3&CHAPTER=18#C2474).

1) What were the ways of Egypt and Canaan?

2) Why does the Torah say - you can’t approach a close relative/she’er to commit a sexual offence?

**Rambam -the Laws of forbidden sexual relations**

**Chapter 21 - Halacha 1**

Whoever shares physical intimacy with one of the *ariyot* without actually becoming involved in sexual relations or embraces and kisses [one of them] out of desire and derives pleasure from the physical contact should be lashed according to Scriptural Law. [This is derived from [Leviticus 18:30](http://www.chabad.org/9919#v30) which] states: "To refrain from perform any of these abominable practices," and [*ibid.*:6 which] states: "Do not draw close to reveal nakedness." Implied is that we are forbidden to draw close to acts that lead to revealing nakedness.

**Chapter 22 - Halacha 1**

It is forbidden to enter into privacy with any of the woman forbidden as *ariot*,1 even if she is elderly or a young girl, for this leads to forbidden relations. [The only] exceptions are a woman and her son, a father and his daughter, and a husband with his wife who is in the *niddah* state.

**Halacha 2**

…The prohibition against entering into privacy with woman forbidden as ariot has been transmitted by the Oral Tradition.

**Halacha 3**

When the incident concerning Amnon and Tamar occurred, David and his court decreed a prohibition against entering into privacy with an unmarried woman. Although an unmarried woman is not an ervah, such an act is considered as entering into privacy with an ervah. Shammai and Hillel decreed a prohibition against entering into privacy with gentiles.