Class # 18 **Parshat Mishpatim -Holidays 101: Moshe's first presentation of the 3 Festivals**

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1. How would most people celebrate their victory, if they were in Chris Gardner shoes?
2. Who would be invited?
3. Where would the celebration be held?

Pashat Mishpatim

23:8 [Do not accept bribery](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1461). Bribery blinds the clear-sighted and twists the [words of the just](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1462). 23:9 Do not oppress a [foreigner](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1463). You know how it feels to be a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt. 23:10 You may plant your land for six years and gather its crops. 23:11 But during the seventh year, you must [leave it alone](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1464) and [withdraw from it](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1465). The needy among you will then be able to eat [from your fields] just as you do, and whatever is left over can be eaten by [wild animals](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1466). This also applies to your vineyard and your olive grove. 23:12 You may do whatever you must during the six week days, but you must stop on [Saturday](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1467). Your donkey and ox must then be able to rest, and your maid's son and the [foreigner](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1468) must be able to relax. 23:13 Be very careful to keep everything I have said to you.

Do not pronounce the name of another deity. You must not let it be heard through your mouth.

23:14 [Offer a sacrifice](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1469) to Me [three times](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1470) each year. 23:15 Keep the [Festival of Matzahs](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1471). Eat matzahs for seven days, as I commanded you, during the prescribed time in the month of standing grain, since this is when you left Egypt.

[Do not appear before Me empty-handed](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1472).

23:16 [Also keep] the [Reaping Festival](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1473), [through the first fruits of your produce that you planted in the field](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1474). [There is also] the [Harvest Festival](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1475) [[right after](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1476)] the end of the year, when you gather your produce from the field. 23:17 [Three times each year, every male among you must appear before God](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1477), [Master [of the Universe]](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1478). 23:18 [Do not sacrifice the blood of My [Passover] offering in the presence of leavened bread](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1479).

Do not allow the [fat](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1480) of My [offering](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1481) to remain overnight until morning.

23:19 [Bring your first fruits to the Temple of God your Lord](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1482).

Do not cook [meat](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1483) [in milk](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1484), [[even](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=23#C1485)] that of its mother.

1. What is challenging of the flow of these mishpatim?
2. What mitzvah does not feel like a mishpat?



