



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Mishpatim

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In this week's Parashah, the Torah talks about the laws of damages. Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz once said: It is very easy to just look at these laws as financial obligations, however the proper way to look at these laws is to focus on our obligation to love our fellow man. When you care for others you will be careful not to harm them. When caring people look at these laws they don't think about how much money they have to pay, but rather how can they avoid causing pain or suffering. The Chofetz Chaim used to say that after someone studied tractate Babba Kama, if we want to see if he studied it properly, we should watch if he is careful about causing damage to his friend. We learn from this how every Jew is supposed to look at things from a caring perspective, and try his hardest not to cause someone else pain.