

This is an appeal for financial support of original Jewish research and scholarship - through publication - in areas of practical social significance. The area being studied is interpersonal relationships as guided by Halacha. The fifteen precepts which pertain to this area are documented, brought together and analyzed. Then the various decisions and approaches are presented. Finally they are illustrated by life like stories which make clear the applications in a behavior changing context, in an attractive, well annotated book easy to use and to read.

The uniqueness of this original Jewish scholarship is its comprehensiveness. It contains and presents logically and interestingly material on proper interpersonal relationships according to classical Jewish Halachic and Aggadic sources. The presentation runs the gamut of source to application. It starts by gleaning, compiling and categorizing the well documented basic resource material. The next step is interpreting the underlying principles involved. It continues by collating and projecting the principles to practical application, "Halacha Lemaaseh".

The practical application of this material is presented not only abstractly but is also presented with specific applications and illustrations on an adult level. Finally, the same material is presented in a cleverly and tastefully prepared pedagogic [educational] format showing how these rules should be applied to daily life.

Through well-written modern true to life stories, the ramifications of the intricate source material is brought into a meaningful mundane existential context. This closes the subject in a most comprehensive manner and as mentioned constitutes the uniqueness of this seminal work on the Jewish way of proper interpersonal relations.

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