

Parenting Class #7 – Setting Limits:

1. **R' Shlomo of Karlin:** The greatest sin a Jew can commit is to forget that he is a member of a royal family, a child of G-d.
2. **Proverbs 13;24:** One who holds back the rod, hates his child.
3. **Midrash Rabba Shmos 1;1:** Teaches that one who does not beat his child, that child will come to bad ways and the father will hate the child. As we see by Yishmoel, he was very attached to Avrohom, and therefore Avrohom did not beat him, and he turned to evil ways.... We see the same thing by Yitzchak, since Yitzchak loved Eisav therefore he did not beat him, and he turned to evil.... (So too by) Dovid, because he did not cause pain to Avshalom and beat him, Avshalom turned to a bad way and attempted to kill his father and live with his concubines, and causes his father to leave the place bare footed, and this caused thousands and tens of thousands of Jews to die...
4. **Proverbs 13;24:** But he who loves him, disciplines him in his youth.
5. **Midrash:** This is referring to G-d who loves the Jewish people...***And anyone who causes pain to his child, the child loves the father and respects him***, as it says: 'Discipline your son and he will give you peace; and he will give pleasure to your soul,' (Proverbs 29:17), and it says: 'Discipline your son, for there is hope.' (Proverbs 19:18)
6. **The Way of G-d 1;2:2:** G-d's wisdom decreed that for such good to be perfect, the one enjoying it must be its master. He must be one who has earned it for himself.
7. **The Path of the Just:** For a person to obtain the true good, it is appropriate that he first labor and persevere in his efforts to acquire it by means of those actions which will achieve this end. These actions are the performance of the Mitzvos.
8. **Devarim 8;5:** You should know in your heart that just as a father chastises his son, so Hashem your G-d chastises you.