

Shabbat School Devarim: Shoftim "Judges"

SUBJECT	TEACHER	HEBREW DATE	DATE
Seek Justice	Rebbitzen Pammy, Cathy Harris	2 Elul 5786	8/15/2026

OVERVIEW: DO WE SEEK WHAT IS RIGHT BEFORE WE SEEK WHAT IS RIGHT FOR US?

TEACHER GUIDE

STUDENT GUIDE

INTRODUCTION "OPENING" 5 MINUTES	Say to them: "Shalom Yeladim" (sha-LOAM Ye-la-DEEM). Invite them to respond: "Shalom Morim!"	Say Shema, Pledge of Allegiance. Query to think about: Do we seek what is right before we seek what is right for us?
IDENTITY: B'NEI ISRAEL/BRIT AHM 5 MINUTES	Hebrew: כָּתַב Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: kathav Pronunciation: kah-THAV Meaning: describe, record, prescribe, subscribe, write(-ing, -ten) written, write, wrote, recorded, written down, describe, record	What is just? What does it mean that we are to be a people of Kings and Priests...and is that about us?
IDENTITY: HEARER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Read Portions: Devarim 16:18-21:9 (17:14-20) Yeshayahu 51:12-52:12 (51:12-23) Mattiyahu 5:38-42 (5:38-42) Learn our memory verse for the year 5786.>>	Memory Verse: Yeshayahu 41:10 ¹⁰Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Surely I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.
IDENTITY: BELIEVER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: Have we written our own copy of the Torah?	Discuss: Is Torah, is G-D, just?
IDENTITY: FOLLOWER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: When we seek justice do we seek it for ourselves or for all?	Discuss: How does HE comfort us?

IDENTITY: DOER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Who we are is largely dependent upon what we do; we seek what is just at all times!	Ask: How are we to be perfect?
GAME/ACTIVITY	What is Justice?	<<-Do we seek justice?
HOMEWORK 3 MINUTES	Super Quick Torah Study -Mattiyahu 26 "Shavua tov, until next week!"	Close with prayer: say out loud what you are grateful for and things you need prayer for today.

NEED

- Bible

Drash:**RESOURCES**

- Pledges & Shema
- Shabbat Guide

NOTES

The first goal is to approach all scripture with humility and prayer.

Have you ever been in an argument with a friend or sibling where you both believed that you were right? So, you went to a grown-up and asked them to help settle the argument for you. While you were explaining your side of the situation, in your heart you were hoping that the adult would choose your side.

Well, did you know that in this week's Parsha, we learn that when we have a disagreement like the one above, where both parties believe they are right, when we go before the adult (judge) we should not be hoping to get our way. We should be hoping that justice (what is right, not who is right) comes about.

Deuteronomy 16:18-20:

18 “Judges and officers you are to appoint within all your gates that Adonai your God is giving you, according to your tribes; and they are to judge the people with righteous judgment. 19You are not to twist justice—you must not show partiality or take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and distorts the words of the righteous. 20Justice, justice you must pursue, so that you may live and possess the land that Adonai your God is giving you.”