

North American Inclusion Month

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BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Parshat Mishpatim “Everyone is Valuable”

In this week’s parsha, Parshat Mishpatim, the Torah informs us of many laws. We are able to easily understand the reasons for some of these laws and some of them seem a bit more difficult to understand. The first mitzvah in this parsha is the mitzvah of “Eved Ivri,” the Jewish slave. After seven years, the “Eved” must be set free.

The notion of the Eved Ivri teaches us an important Torah value, that of chessed – of kindness and compassion. Even in the case of slaves, the Torah makes it clear that it is important to remember the value of each human being, recognizing that everyone is special and therefore should be treated with compassion. We must remember this message of recognizing the value in every person with us. We should always try to be kind to the people we meet and appreciate those who are kind to us. Let us be aware of this and recognize the value of each individual with a disability and include each person in the greater Jewish community, as he deserves.

Shabbat Shalom!



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