

Sefaria Leviticus 18:6-18 (forbidden relatives; niece not listed)

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וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

GOD spoke to Moses, saying:

דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

Speak to the Israelite people and say to them:

I the ETERNAL am your God.

כַּמַּעֲשֵׂה אֶרֶץ־מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכְּתֶם־בָּהּ לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ וְכַמַּעֲשֵׂה אֶרֶץ־כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְבִיא אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ
וּבְחֻקֵּיהֶם לֹא תִלְכוּ:

You shall not copy the practices of the land of Egypt where you dwelt, or of the land of Canaan to which I am taking you; nor shall you follow their laws.

אֶת־מִשְׁפָּטַי תַּעֲשׂוּ וְאֶת־חֻקֹּתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ לִלְכֹּת בָּהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

My rules alone shall you observe, and faithfully follow My laws: I the ETERNAL am your God.

וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת־מִשְׁפָּטַי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה אִתְּם הָאָדָם וְחַי בָּהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה: {ס}

You shall keep My laws and My rules, by the pursuit of which humans shall live: I am GOD.

אִישׁ אִישׁ אֶל־כָּל־נִשְׁאָר בְּשָׂרוֹ לֹא תִקְרַב לַגְּלוּת עֲרוּתָהּ אֲנִי יְהוָה: {ס}

Not even one of you^a **you** Addressing men, since by convention they were treated as the active agent in heterosexual relations. shall come near anyone of his own flesh to uncover nakedness: I am GOD.

עֲרוּת אָבִידָה וְעֲרוּת אִמָּךְ לֹא תִגְלֶה אִמָּךְ הִוא לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוּתָהּ: {ס}

^b*I.e., a husband and wife are one flesh ([Gen. 2.24](#)), even if he should die or divorce her. Your father's nakedness, that is, the nakedness of your mother, you shall not uncover; she is your mother—you shall not uncover her nakedness.*

עֲרוֹנָת אִשְׁת־אָבִיךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹנָת אָבִיךָ הוּא: {ס}

Do not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is the nakedness of your father.

עֲרוֹנָת אֲחֻתְךָ בֶּת־אָבִיךָ אוֹ בֶּת־אִמְךָ מוֹלְדֶת בֵּית אוֹ מוֹלְדֶת חוּץ לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹנָתוֹ: {ס}

The nakedness of your sister—your father's daughter or your mother's, whether born into the household or outside—do not uncover their nakedness.

עֲרוֹנָת בֶּת־בְּנֶךָ אוֹ בֶּת־בִּתְּךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹנָתוֹ כִּי עֲרוֹנָתְךָ הִנֵּה: {ס}

The nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter—do not uncover their nakedness; for their nakedness is yours.^c ***their nakedness is yours*** *Meaning uncertain.*

עֲרוֹנָת בֶּת־אִשְׁת־אָבִיךָ מוֹלְדֶת אָבִיךָ אֲחֻתְךָ הוּא לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹנָתָהּ: {ס}

The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, who was born into your father's household—she is your sister; do not uncover her nakedness.

עֲרוֹנָת אֲחֻת־אָבִיךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה שָׁעָר אָבִיךָ הוּא: {ס}

Do not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's flesh.

עֲרוֹנָת אֲחֻת־אִמְךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה כִּי־שָׁעָר אִמְךָ הוּא: {ס}

Do not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister; for she is your mother's flesh.

עֲרוֹנָת אֲחִי־אָבִיךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה אֶל־אִשְׁתּוֹ לֹא תִקְרַב דְּדָתְךָ הוּא: {ס}

Do not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother: do not approach his wife; she is your aunt.

עֲרוֹנָת כַּלְתְּךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה אִשְׁת־בְּנֶךָ הוּא לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹנָתָהּ: {ס}

Do not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law: she is your son's wife; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

עֲרוֹנָת אִשְׁת־אָחִיךָ לֹא תִגְלֶה עֲרוֹנָת אָחִיךָ הוּא: {ס}

Do not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is the nakedness of your brother.^d See note at vv. 7-8.

עֲרוֹנָת אִשָּׁה וּבִתָּהּ לֹא תִגְלֶה אֶת־בִּתְּכָהּ וְאֶת־בִּתְּהָא לֹא תִקַּח לְגִלּוֹת עֲרוֹנָתָהּ שְׂאֵרָה הִנָּה זָמָה הוּא:

Do not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; nor shall you take to wife her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter and uncover her nakedness: they are kindred; it is depravity.

וְאִשָּׁה אֶל־אֲחֻתָּהּ לֹא תִקַּח לְצֶרֶר לְגִלּוֹת עֲרוֹנָתָהּ עָלֶיהָ בְּחַיֶּיהָ:

Do not take to wife a woman as a rival to her sister and uncover her nakedness in the other's lifetime.

וְאֶל־אִשָּׁה בְּנִדַת טְמֵאָתָהּ לֹא תִקְרַב לְגִלּוֹת עֲרוֹנָתָהּ:

Do not come near a woman during her menstrual period of impurity to uncover her nakedness.

וְאֶל־אִשְׁת עַמִּיתְךָ לֹא־תִתֵּן שְׂכָבְתְּךָ לְזָרַע לְטִמְאָה־בָּהּ:

Do not have carnal relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.

וּמִזְרַעְךָ לֹא־תִתֵּן לְהַעֲבִיר לְמָלֶכֶךְ וְלֹא תִסְלַל אֶת־שֵׁם אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲנִי יְהוָה:

Do not allow any of your offspring to be offered up to Molech, and do not profane the name of your God: I am the ETERNAL.

וְאֶת־זָכָר לֹא תִשָּׁכַב מִשְׁכָּבִי אִשָּׁה תוֹעֵבָה הוּא:

Do not lie with a male as one lies with a woman; it is an abhorrence.

וּבְכָל־בְּהֵמָה לֹא־תִתֵּן שְׂכָבְתְּךָ לְטִמְאָה־בָּהּ וְאִשָּׁה לֹא־תַעֲמֹד לְפָנַי בְּהֵמָה לְרִבְעָה תִּבָּל הוּא:

Do not have carnal relations with any animal and defile yourself thereby. Likewise, a woman shall not lend herself to an animal to mate with it; it is perversion.

אַל-תִּטְמֹא בְּכָל-אֵלֶּה כִּי בְּכָל-אֵלֶּה נִטְמָאוּ הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר-אֲנִי מְשַׁלֵּחַ מִפְּנֵיהֶם:

Do not defile yourselves in any of those ways, for it is by such that the nations that I am casting out before you defiled themselves.

וַתִּטְמֹא הָאָרֶץ וְאֶפְקֹד עֲוֹנָהּ עָלֶיהָ וַתִּקָּא הָאָרֶץ אֶת-יִשְׁבִּיהָ:

Thus the land became defiled; and I called it to account for its iniquity, and the land spewed out its inhabitants.

וַיִּמְרְתֶם אַתֶּם אֶת-חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת-מִשְׁפָּטַי וְלֹא תַעֲשׂוּ מִכָּל הַתּוֹעֵבֹת הָאֵלֶּה הָאֲזִיזָה וְהַגֵּר הַגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם:

But you must keep My laws and My rules, and you must not do any of those abhorrent things, neither the citizen nor the stranger who resides among you;

כִּי אֶת-כָּל-הַתּוֹעֵבֹת הָאֵל עָשׂוּ אֲנָשֵׁי-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵיכֶם וַתִּטְמֹא הָאָרֶץ:

for all those abhorrent things were done by the people who were in the land before you, and the land became defiled.

וְלֹא-תִקָּא הָאָרֶץ אֶתְכֶם בְּטִמְאַתְכֶם אֹתָהּ כַּאֲשֶׁר קָאָה אֶת-הַגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵיכֶם:

So let not the land spew you out for defiling it, as it spewed out the nation that came before you.

כִּי כָל-אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה מִכָּל הַתּוֹעֵבֹת הָאֵלֶּה וְנִכְרְתוּ הַנִּפְשׁוֹת הַעֲשֹׂת מִקֶּרֶב עַמָּם:

All who do any of those abhorrent things—such persons shall be cut off from among their people.

וַיִּמְרְתֶם אֶת-מִשְׁמַרְתִּי לְבִלְתִּי עֲשׂוֹת מִחֻקֹּת הַתּוֹעֵבֹת אֲשֶׁר נַעֲשׂוּ לִפְנֵיכֶם וְלֹא תִטְמָאוּ בָהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: {פ}

You shall keep My charge not to engage in any of the abhorrent practices that were carried on before you, and you shall not defile yourselves through them: I the ETERNAL am your God.
