

# Kaarah

Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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## Torah Study

It is a mitzvah to teach one's child a trade. Teaching your child foreign languages that are useful, such as Spanish, are part of this mitzvah.

## Honoring Parents

One must go to all lengths to honor his or her parents. It is not a dishonor to parents for children to allow parents to dote on them. One must revere and honor one's parents the same as one reveres and honors Hashem. One honors his or her parents by giving honor to the parent the way the parents desires or would feel the honor.

Minimum of revering a parent includes: not sitting in their place, not speaking in their place, and not contradicting them. Minimum of honor includes giving them food and drink, dressing them and putting on their shoes, bringing them in and taking them out.

Halachically, the parents are supported with their own assets. It is the mitzvah of honoring parents by supporting them with the son's assets.

For a woman, her husband's concerns compete with her obligations to her parents. When they do not conflict, she is obligated to honor her parents.

In all mitzvahs if there is no money then the person is exempt. I.e., one with no income does not give maaser. One without a field does not give peah (corner), leket (loose bundles), and shikcha (forgotten stalks). With no money one need not build a succah or buy a lualv. However, for honoring one's parents a person is obligated to collect the funds. *Editor's note: Much of honoring parents does not require money. The Gemara simply means the lengths to go through to honor parents. However, the mitzvah may be done without funds at all – preparing their meals, clothing them, taking them in and out do not necessarily require funds.*

Bais Din can force a son to support his father when the father has no means and the son does have means.

## Evil Speech

Evil speech is of the worst sins and can be compared akin to murder and adultery. *Editor's note: this is not in terms of reward and punishment but in terms of aggrieving another. The Torah does not give the reward and punishment for mitzvahs, generally, so that one would do them faithfully, not counting rewards.*