

The Daily Portion

- Sivan Rahav Meir

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

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We are in the midst of challenging days, especially for families, as the climax of summer vacation arrives.

One of the words that appears in this week's parasha again and again is LOVE. 8 times we are asked to love or are informed that we are loved.

Rashi explains that a fundamental principle is at work here. It is connected to our relationship with God, as well as our relationships with other people: "Don't say 'I will do this in order to receive a reward', but rather do everything out of love, and honor will follow."

One of the biggest enemies of love is honor. The expectation to receive applause, thanks or credit. Along comes our parasha and provides the winning recipe: love, love, love.

This is the moment to shower those around us with love that knows no limits, just before returning to school or to work. Especially now in the midst of nagging kids and long lines, hot sun, crowds, and chaos at home and outside. The solution? "Everything you do – do from love."

Behatzlacha.

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