



GM - MISHPATIM

The well-known pasuk in Parshat K'doshim, Vayikra 19:3, states -

אִישׁ אָמֹן וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ וְאֶת־שַׁבָּתִי
תִּשְׁמְרוּ אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

*Every man (person) shall fear his
mother and his father, and you shall
observe My Shabbats - I am HaShem,
your God.*

It is taught from this pasuk, that although one must listen to his parents, if they say to do something that is not permitted by halacha (even Rabbinic law), then the child may not listen to his parents.

Here is a NPP (neat partial pasuk) from Parshat Mishpatim, Sh'mot 23:12 -

שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲשֶׂה בַּעֲשִׂיָּה וּבַיּוֹם
הַשְּׁבִיעִי תִשָּׁבֵת (לְבַמַּעַן יָנוּחוּ שׁוֹרְךָ
וַחֲמֹרְךָ וַיִּנָּפֵשׁ בֶּן־אֲמֹתֶךָ וְהַגֵּר:)

*Six days you may do your work, but on
the seventh day you shall rest, (in
order that your ox and your donkey
shall rest, and your maidservant's son
and the stranger shall be refreshed.)*

Just looking at the first half of the pasuk, we find the Mitzvat Asei (positive commandment) to abstain from Melacha on Shabbat. This mitzva is the other side of the coin of the prohibition of Melacha on Shabbat from Sh'mot 20:10 - LO TAASEH KOL MELACHA...

The Gimatriya of this NPP is 3878. The AL-BAM gimatriya is 2783. A pasuk in Parshat Yitro has a regular gimatriya of 2783. It's in the Aseret HaDibrot, Sh'mot 20:12 -

כְּבֹד אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְךָ
לְבַמַּעַן יָאָרְכֶּךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ
אֲשֶׁר־הוּא אֱלֹהֶיךָ נֹתֵן לָךְ:

*Honor your father and your mother,
in order that your days be lengthened
on the land that HaShem, your God,
is giving you.*

A long search resulted in a match between the AL-BAM gimatriya of a neat partial pasuk and the regular gimatriya of a whole pasuk. Still, this match echoes the K'doshim pasuk above. Abstain from Melacha on Shabbat even if respect for your parents would suggest otherwise.

*USFUNEI T'MUNEI CHOL is the working
title of my hopeful book of Gimatriya
Matches. The title translates to Hidden in
the Sand. That's how I feel about my
Gimatriya searches. Like walking along
the beach with a metal detector.
Beep-beep-beep. Lean down and find
something. Usually, nothing of note. But
sometimes you find something special.*