

# Shabbat Eikev ShaLom



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**In this parsha, we are commanded** to both “love” and “obey” G-d. The “loving” is easy, the “obeying” is hard given humanity’s frailty and laziness, predilection for envy, slander, greed, and cruelty—and for giving in so easily to temptation. (That’s all of us; me too). Nevertheless, except for those who violate certain laws in Biblical times, we are commanded to be kind towards one another, and to treat each other as we ourselves wish to be treated. Sometimes this is really hard to do.

A sweet Shabbat ShaLom Yidden.