

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Letters of Blessing and Approbation for <i>Sheva Mitzvot HaShem</i>	5
Editor's Preface by <i>Dr. Michael Schulman</i>	16
Author's Introduction	24
Part I: Fundamentals of the Faith	33
Introduction by <i>Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet</i>	
1. Awareness of God; The Torah of Moses; Deniers and Deviators from the Foundations of Faith	42
2. Proselytizers and False Prophets	51
3. The Prohibition Against Making a New Religion or Adding a Commandment	57
4. Liability to Divine and Earthly Punishments	65
5. Torah Study for Gentiles	71
6. Serving God; Prayer and Grace After Meals	79
7. Sacrificial Offerings	96
8. Obligatory Moral Conduct	97
9. Repentance	101
Part II: The Prohibition of Idolatry	105
Introduction by <i>Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet</i>	
1. The Prohibition of Idol Worship	109
2. The Prohibition of Turning to Idol Worship	117
3. Which Actions Make One Liable for Idol Worship	122
4. The Service of <i>Moleh</i>	140
5. Forbidden Statues, Images and Pillars	141
6. The Prohibition of Creating a New Religion	151
7. The Obligation to Eliminate Idol Worship, and the Prohibition of Benefiting from It	155
8. Aspects of Idolatry from which Benefit is Allowed, and Nullification of Idols	166

9. Objects Offered to Idols, and Decorations of Idols	176
10. The Prohibition Against Aiding Idol Worshipers	186
11. Practices that are Forbidden as Customs of Idol Worshipers	190
12. The Prohibition of Swearing or Vowing in the Name of an Idol	198

Part III: The Prohibition of Blasphemy 203
Including the Laws of Vows

Introduction by *Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet*

1. The Obligation to Respect God's Name, and What is Forbidden as Blasphemy	208
2. Obligations to Revere and Fear God	213
3. Laws of Vows and Promises	220
4. Annulment of Vows and Promises, and Vows Made According to the Public's Understanding	227

Part IV: The Prohibition of Eating Meat that was Separated from a Living Animal 233
Including Restrictions on Causing Suffering to Living Creatures, Mating Different Species of Animals, and Grafting Different Species of Fruit Trees

Introduction by *Dr. Joe M. Regenstein*

1. Permissions and Prohibitions for Gentiles Regarding Meat; Species for which Meat from a Living Animal is Forbidden	237
2. Which Parts from Living Animals are Prohibited to be Eaten	246
3. The Prohibition of Separating Meat from an Animal that is Living or in the Process of Dying, and Restrictions on Consuming such Meat after the Animal's Death	251
4. Maimed or Broken Limbs	259
5. The Precepts Pertaining to a Fetus, and to Eggs	266
6. Deriving Benefit from Meat Severed from Living Animals; Cases with a Doubt, and Mixtures with Forbidden Meat	274

7. Restrictions on Causing Suffering to a Living Creature	279
8. The Prohibition of Mating Different Species of Animals	285
9. The Prohibition of Grafting Different Species of Fruit Trees	292
Part V: The Prohibition of Murder and Injury	301
Introduction by <i>Dr. Michael Schulman</i>	
1. Details of the Prohibition of Murder; Abortion; Euthanasia; Causing Mortal Injury, and Partners in Murder	306
2. Suicide, and Sacrificing One's Life for One of the Seven Noahide Commandments	326
3. Laws of a Pursuer and Self Defense; Saving the Life of a Woman in Danger from Childbirth	334
4. An Accidental Killer's Obligation for Exile	346
5. Intentional and Unintentional Killing, and Killing Through Negligence or Under Duress	347
6. The Prohibition of Causing Personal Injury or Damage	361
7. The Prohibition of Endangering Oneself or Another, and the Obligation to Save a Person's Life	369
8. The Prohibitions of Embarrassing Another Person, Evil Gossip, and Tale-bearing	374
9. Reproductive Sterilization, Contraception, Emitting Semen "in Vain," and the Severity of the Sin of Murder	380
Part VI: The Prohibition of Forbidden Relations	385
Including Precepts Relating to Marriage, Divorce, Marital Relations, and Being Alone with a Forbidden Partner	
Introduction by <i>Arthur A. Goldberg</i>	
1. Categories of Sexual Partners and Acts that are Forbidden	392
2. The Prohibitions of Homosexual and Bestial Relations	405
3. The Prohibition of Relations with Other Men's Wives; Marital Status of Minors; Precepts Related to Adultery by a Gentile with a Jewess; Marriage of an Enslaved Woman; Partners with Whom there can be no Status of Marriage	412

4. Precepts Related to Marriage, Fornication and Divorce	429
5. Precepts Related to Spilling Semen, and Contraception	449
6. Guarding Against Forbidden Relations, and Following Ways of Modesty	457
7. Prohibitions Related to Being Alone with a Forbidden Partner	463
Part VII: The Prohibition of Theft	477
Introduction by <i>Rabbi Moshe Weiner</i>	
1. The Prohibition of Theft	480
2. Laws of Returning Stolen Objects, and Restitution for Theft	497
3. The Prohibitions of Aiding or Having Benefit from Theft or Buying Stolen Property, and the Laws of Unintentional Theft	526
4. Laws of Saving Oneself or One's Property at the Expense of Another's Money; Taking the Law into One's Own Hands	536
5. Theft Incurred by False Measurements, and the Prohibition of Cheating or Misinforming Another Person	545
6. The Prohibitions of Extortion and Forcing a Purchase	561
7. Laws of Borrowing, Renting, Responsibility for an Entrusted Item, and Holding Collateral for a Loan	565
8. Stealing or Encroaching Upon Real Estate Property	577
9. The Prohibition of Kidnapping; Stealing Enslaved Persons	589
10. The Prohibition of Rape, and Laws of Taking Captives	596
11. Bodily Injury and Damaging Another's Property	601
12. The Laws of a Delinquent Debtor and One Who Withholds Payment Owed to a Hired Person	616
13. The Laws of a Worker in Regard to the Employer	622
14. Government Authority; Laws of Land Conquered in War	625
15. Laws of Ownerless Items and Finding Lost Objects	630
16. Maintaining Peace in Society by Forbidding Acts Similar to Theft	647

Part VIII: Establishment of Laws and Courts	653
Introduction by <i>Rabbi Dr. Shimon D. Cowen</i>	
1. The Obligation for a Gentile Society to Set Up a Judicial System	657
2. The Prohibition Against Perverting the Course of Justice or Taking a Bribe	671
3. Monetary Laws, and Laws of Mediation and Arbitration	679
4. Societal Morality and the Obligation of Doing Kindness	684
Appendix: The Pious Gentile and the <i>Ger Toshav</i> in Torah Law	693
Short Index	703

Additional chapters on Torah Laws relating to establishment of laws and courts by Gentiles, in *Sheva Mitzvot HaShem*, Part VIII:

Appointment of Judges and Enforcement Officers, and
the Qualifications Necessary to be a Judge

The Law of a Judge Who Purposefully or Mistakenly
Judges Incorrectly

The Jurisdiction of a Noahide Court, and How to
Appeal the Decision of a Noahide Court

Summons to a Monetary Adjudication, and Representation
by a Lawyer

The Order of the Court Case

Necessary Qualifications of Witnesses

Giving Testimony, and Producing Documentation

The Laws of a False Witness

Laws of Inheritance

Punishment of a Murderer

Punishment for Infractions of the Other Noahide Laws

Government Law

Military Justice