

"And you shall guard My laws and My social laws, which if a man will do, he will live thereby, I am Hashem." (18:5)

Horav M. Elan, z.l., offers a novel interpretation of this *pasuk*. The daily routine and lifestyle of some individuals are not consistent with their level of profundity in *Torah* law. They expound great scholarship, citing insightful thought and philosophy, but their actual behavior is consistent with one who is ignorant of the law. The true goal of every person should be that his conduct be commensurate with his degree of sophistication in *Torah* awareness. This is the *Torah's* message. You shall guard My laws and live by them. Your lifestyle shall reflect your knowledge.

This is especially true when one is seeking to inspire others, particularly children. Nothing is as reprehensible as the sanctimonious exposition of *Torah*. Young people revolt against double talk. One must practice that which he preaches, if he wants theory to extend beyond the hypothetical to become reality.