

"You are children of Hashem your G-d." (14:1)

Rabbi Yaakov Neiman Zt"l states that this *posuk* should serve as a blueprint for every educator as he charts his path towards disseminating *Torah* values to Jewish children. For, just as every Jew should be aware that "*I place Hashem constantly before me*", so too, should every educator reflect that he is instructing Hashem's children. This awareness will enable him to maintain his patience and attention while transmitting *Torah* to Hashem's children. Often we are lacking the compassion necessary to transmit *Torah* values. Despite various differences among children in ability, aptitude, skill, and desire, their potential can be realized if the educator will view them all as Hashem's children. Another lesson from this *posuk* is that on occasion, an educator may become "turned off" by a student's parents, with their various attitudes, and philosophies. This could affect the teachers' relationship with his student, causing him to become self-conscious, ill at ease, and possibly even resentful of them. We are admonished to be conscious of the children's "other-parent" - namely Hashem, who has mandated His charge towards all *Torah* educators to view all children as children of the Almighty.