

Thirteen Principles of Torah Elucidation

An overview of the Oral Torah's systemized rules for how the Written Torah may be interpreted.

Lesson Four: Rules Eight to Eleven of Torah Elucidation

When the Torah singles out special cases as exceptions to a more general rule. Principles 8-11 are covered in this lesson.

Rule 8

Davar shehaya bi-klak v'yatza min haklal lilamed, lo lilamed al atzmo yatza, elah lilamed al haklal kulo yatza (דבר שהיה בכלל ויצא מן הכלל ללמד, לא ללמד על עצמו יצא, אלא ללמד על הכלל כולו יצא) - A subject included in a comprehensive statement which was singled out, was not singled out only for its own sake but so that the new teaching should be applied to the entire comprehensive rule

The Exceptional Case Informs Our Understanding of the Broader Subject

Rule 9

Davar shehaya bi-klal v'yatza liton toan echad she-hu k'inyano, yatza lihakel v'lo lihachamir (דבר דבר (שהיה בכלל ויצא לטעון טען אחר שהוא כעניינו, יצא להקל ולא להחמיר) - A subject included in a comprehensive statement which was singled out to discuss a case *similar* to the comprehensive statement, has been singled out for leniency and not stringency

The Exceptional Case Must Teach a Leniency

Rule 10

Davar shehaya biklal v'yatza liton toan acher shelo k'inyanyo, yatza lihakel u'lo lihachamir (דבר שהיה (בכלל ויצא לטעון טען אחר שלא כעניינו, יצא להקל ולהחמיר) - A subject included in a comprehensive statement which was singled out to discuss a case dissimilar to its original context, has been singled out for leniency or stringency

The Exceptional Case May Teach a Leniency or Stringency

Rule 11

Davar shehaya biklal v'yatza lidon badavar chadash, ee atah yachol l'hachaziro liklalo ad sheyachezireno hakasuv b'ferush (דבר שהיה בכלל ויצא לדון בדבר חדש, אי אתה יכול להחזירו לכללו) (עד שיחזירנו הכתוב בפירוש) - A subject included in a comprehensive statement which was singled out as a *new* case, cannot be included once again in the comprehensive statement unless Scripture restores it explicitly

The Exceptional Case Applies Only to Its Own Novel Teaching UNLESS Torah Explicitly Restores It to the Original Context