



---

Text Message Q&A #45

Ask Rav Aviner: [mororly@bezeqint.net](mailto:mororly@bezeqint.net)

Prepared by Rabbi Mordechai Tzion

Visit our blog: [www.ravaviner.com](http://www.ravaviner.com)

---

Ha-Rav answers hundreds of text message questions a day! Here's a sample:

King Shlomo

Q: Did King Shlomo really understand what the animals were saying?

A: Yes.

Sacrifices in the Future

Q: When the Temple is rebuilt will there be sacrifices?

A: Certainly. They are mentioned in the prayers. They will only cease in the far off distant future. See Pinkasei Ha-Re'iyah of Maran Ha-Rav Kook vol. 1.

Blessing against Heretics

Q: To whom is the blessing against Heretics referring?

A: Christians, missionaries. See Rambam, Hilchot Tefillah 2:1.

Pirkei Avot

Q: Are our Rabbis' words in Pirkei Avot obligatory or just good advice?

A: In general, they are acts of piety. But each teaching must be examined individually .

Learning during Repetition of the Shemoneh Esrei

Q: Is it permissible to learn Torah during the repetition of the Shemoneh Esrei, if there is a Minyan without me?

A: No. Mishnah Berurah (124:17. Ha-Rav Chaim Kanievski says that learning Torah during the repetition of the Shemoneh Esrei, it is a Mitzvah performed through a transgression. See Shut Igrot Moshe Orach Chaim 4:19).

### Shliach Tzibur who Hates

Q: If a person calls Israeli police officers "S.S.", can he serve as a Shliach Tzibur?

A: Certainly not. But do not get involved in a dispute.

### Honoring Parents and Tzahal

Q: My parents do not want me to go into the army. Am I obligated to listen to them?

A: No. Honoring parents does not apply if one's parents try to prevent him from fulfilling a Mitzvah. One should obviously try to reason with and calm them (Shulchan Aruch, Yoreh Deah 240:14).

### Martial Arts

Q: Is it proper to send our child to learn martial arts in order learn self-defense and strengthen his confidence, or will it accustom him to violence?

A: It is proper. It will not accustom him to violence, but – on the contrary – self-control.

### Stuttering Shliach Tzibur

Q: Can a person who stutters serve as Shliach Tzibur?

A: If the community agrees.

Q: And what about the honor of Hashem?

A: Fearing-G-d is more important than this deficiency. The Gemara relates about a Shliach Tzibur who could not properly say the letters (Megilah 24b. See Shai Cohain of Ha-Rav Shear Yashuv Cohain vol. 1 #1).

### Horoscope

Q: Is it possible to know a person's nature based on his horoscope?

A: No. We do not possess such knowledge.

Special thank you to Orly Tzion for editing the Ateret Yerushalayim Parashah Sheet



Yeshivat Ateret Yerushalayim P.O.B. 1076 Jerusalem 91009 Tel.02-6284101 Fax.02-6261528

[www.ateret.org.il](http://www.ateret.org.il) To subscribe, send e-mail to: [mororly@bezeqint.net](mailto:mororly@bezeqint.net)

