

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is meant by “blind” when we are talking about “*lifnei iver*”?
Does it only mean a person who cannot see?
2. In “*lifnei iver*” what is meant by an obstacle? Does it only mean a physical “stumbling block”?
What other obstacles do people place in front of others?
3. Describe other situations in which a person would be disadvantaged or deceived by others.
4. There are four laws in the two passages that appear in this lesson:
 - **Do not curse the deaf.**
 - **Do not place a stumbling block in front of the blind.**
 - **Do not cheat your neighbor.**
 - **Do not keep a hired worker’s wages overnight.**
 What do these laws have in common?
6. The commandment “Do not place an obstacle in front of a blind person” is a negative commandment. How would you word a positive commandment of how to behave towards a blind or handicapped person?
7. Give examples of incidents you have seen or read about in which people violated the commandment “*lifnei iver*”.
8. What can society do today to uphold the commandment “*lifnei iver*”?
9. When instructors teach blind people to use guide dogs, they sometimes deliberately place obstacles in front of their students and their dogs to teach them how to deal with these obstacles. Do you think that these instructors are violating the commandment “*Lo tasim michshol lifnei iver*”? Explain your answer.
10. What do you think is the biggest obstacle blind people have to deal with in their everyday lives?
How can they overcome those obstacles?
11. What can you do to uphold and obey the commandment? What would you tell others to do to keep the commandment “*lifnei iver*”? (needs may encounter.)

