



# Human Rights

## An Educational Resource

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## Leviticus 25:35

לה. וכי ימוך אחיך ומטה ידו עמך והחזקת בו גר ותושב וחי עמך:

35. *And if your fellow becomes poor and their means fail with you, then you shall strengthen your fellow, whether a stranger or a settler, your fellow shall live with you.*

Questions:



1. What does it mean “and their means fail with you”?
2. Do you agree that your fellow should live with you? Why?

The East African country of Burundi has just passed a new criminal code making homosexual relationships a crime. Life for the gay and lesbian community was not easy before the law came in but now it is illegal.

Nick, a 25 year old business and marketing student, is too scared to tell his father that he is gay for fear of being financially cut off and disowned from the family. He realised when he was 18 and a girl fell in love with him that he wasn't attracted to girls. He prayed for 3 months that he would change because people said homosexuality was bad, but it didn't succeed.

He told his two sisters that he is gay; one of whom understood and has accepted him, the other argued with him and told him he had been bewitched. Recently, while in a lecture, his professor stated that if a member of his family was gay, they would be banished from his family. Now Nick is scared to raise his hand in class in case he is ever found out to be gay.

According to Article 1 of the Declaration of Human Rights, “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” This criminal code passed by Burundi encroaches on their basic human rights.

*Source: Human Rights Watch*

## Interesting websites

Tzedek's Human Rights and 10 Commandments resource has lots of texts, games and ideas that can be adapted for peulot

<http://www.renecassin.org>  
*Jewish human rights organisation*

<http://www.hrw.org/en/topics>  
*news releases on various human rights topics*

<http://www.crin.org/>  
*children's rights information*

[http://thereport.amnesty.org/sites/default/files/AIR2010\\_AZ\\_EN.pdf#page=98](http://thereport.amnesty.org/sites/default/files/AIR2010_AZ_EN.pdf#page=98)  
*Amnesty's annual report for 2011*

<http://religionhumanrights.com>  
*what different religions think about human rights*

<http://www.jhrn.org>  
*Jewish Human Rights Network*

## Peulot & games

<http://ayiti.globalkids.org/game/>  
*you have 4 years to help a Haitian family as they confront the "cost of life."*

<http://www.youth-egames.org/games/ffr/ffr.html>  
*information on human rights activists*

[http://humaneeducation.org/sections/view/human\\_rights\\_activities](http://humaneeducation.org/sections/view/human_rights_activities)  
*lots of games and activities for all ages*

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/edumat/activities.shtm>  
*activities and ideas, quite America focussed but easily adapted*

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