

Thirteen Principles of Torah Elucidation

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

Lesson 2: Rules One and Two of Torah Elucidation

Why an introduction to the highly systemized rules for Torah interpretation covers the first two of the Thirteen Principles of Elucidation.

Rule 1 -

Kal va-Chomer (קל וחומר) = "From the light to the weighty" or "From the minor to the major"

Self-evident reasoning

Rule 2 -

Gezerah Shavah (גזירה שוה) = "[An inference drawn from] two identical words"

Not a logical argument, per se