

# Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

## Leviticus 19:18

וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ

...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

## Maimonides Positive commandment #206

The 206th *mitzvah* is that we are commanded to love each other as we love ourselves. I should have mercy for and love my brother as faithfully as I love and have mercy for myself. This applies to his financial and physical state, and whatever he has or desires. What I want for myself I should want for him, and whatever I don't want for myself or my friends, I shouldn't want for him.

The source of this commandment is G-d's statement, "You must love your neighbor as [you love] yourself."