

The Daily RYS 7/31/06 Character Training

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R. Israel considered that character training was to be undertaken by the individual while he was still young, "before his legs knock against the vicissitudes and obstacles of time (whatever the situation may be), when it becomes too difficult for him to train himself and habituate himself to them (the good traits). Only in his youthful days can one learn and develop his virtues to a remarkable degree, before he reaches the time (when his mind and dispositions are no longer amenable to examination and supervision) - then they can still take root and produce the fruit of success, for one to behave with the proper and desirable character traits, to the extent required by their nature and content."

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