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1. We all know about excuses, politics is full of them.



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2. I've heard many excuses on mitzvayim, especially the 'Holocaust argument';
 The Rebbe answers them, "Don't blame the holy Martyrs for our laziness!"

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3. In פרשת נצבים Moses deals with the many excuses a Jew might come up with.



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4. Excuse #1: Torah is too hard to understand.
 Answer: לא נפלאות היא ולא רחוקה היא especially now with bilingual chumashim and the internet.



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5. Excuse #2: The Mitzvos are too spiritual and not practical.

Answer: **לא בשמיים היא** Torah is a practical way of life for anyone.



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6. Excuse #3: Israelis claim they don't need to keep the Mitzvos; Americans complain it's too hard to keep Mitzvos.

Answer: **ולא מעבר לים היא** wherever you are and whatever you situation is, Mitzvos are for you.

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7. **כי קרוב אליך הדבר מאד** because every Jew has a neshama, **ובלבבך לעשותו** whichever type of mitzvah it is.



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8. The Gemara illustrates how **הלל** is the poor, **רבי אלעזר** is the rich and **רשעים** is מחייב the rich and **יוסף** is מחייב the poor.



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9. Obviously, a Jew's gotta do what a Jew's gotta do and G-d doesn't accept excuses.



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