

# The Dee Pirkei Avot Project

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to those who have tragically been murdered,  
for the safe return of those missing or held hostage,  
for the refuah of those injured,  
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אכבד ובני יקלו:

:Ben Zoma says

Who is the wise one? He who learns from all men, as it says, "I have acquired understanding from all my teachers" (Psalms 119:99)

Who is the mighty one? He who conquers his impulse, as it says, "slowness to anger is better than a mighty person and the ruler of his spirit than the conqueror of a city." (Proverbs 16:32)

Who is the rich one? He who is happy with his lot, as it says, "When you eat [from] the work of your hands, you will be happy, and it will be well with you" (Psalms 128:2). "You will be happy" in this world, and "it will be well with you" in the world to come

Who is honoured? He who honours the created beings, as it says, "For those who honour Me, I will honour; and those who despise Me will be held in little esteem" (I Samuel 2:30)

Torah values and secular values, although both dealing with human beings, at times seem to be polar opposites. Our Mishna speaks of wisdom, strength, wealth and honour. The measures by which these values are decided are normally based on what a person has acquired externally; but in this Mishna, Ben Zoma gives us the insight as to how we should really be determining the value of these qualities.

The Maharal of Prague likens the external measures of the qualities listed in the Mishna to a description of a house; it reveals very little about the true nature of the person that lives inside.

Expanding on this, Rabbi Twerski distinguishes between those that dispense knowledge vs those that seek to acquire it. Who is wise? He who learns from every person. Rabbi Twerski explains that only those with a healthy ego are able to learn from everyone.

He distinguishes between those that are the masters over others vs those that pursue mastery over their own impulses. Who is strong? He who subdues his personal inclination. Rabbi Twerski continues that one with a good self-esteem has no need to dominate others, but rather it is humility that allows him to face and overcome his own desires.

He distinguishes between those who own and have the most material wealth vs those who are content with what Hashem has blessed them with. Who is rich? He who is happy with his portion. Rabbi Twerski quotes the Chasam Sofer in this regard. "A person who has trust in Hashem, will accept the portion of what is his, knowing that Hashem holds the remainder in safekeeping".

And finally, he distinguishes between those who receive honours vs those who respect and honour others. Who is honoured? He who honours others. Rabbi Twerski describes how a person with good self-respect is independent of the honour others bestow on him, and is secure in honouring others.

One day, very soon our world will live by this Mishna. The way the Dee family lives, learns and honours others - a lesson we can all share.

### Discussion Questions:

Did you ever learn something unexpected from someone? What did that feel like?

What does it mean to you to be happy and can you be happier with your lot?

How can you honour others in light of this Mishna?

Idea by Rebbetzin Joanne Dove

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## Missing or Held Hostage:

Itai ben Michal Zipporah  
Rivka Levy  
סביון חן בת רבקה  
רינת זגדון  
אביה בת יפעת  
Sharona shmunis harel  
Itai zamir  
Ben Menashe Ben Dikla  
יובל בויום  
ענר אליקים בן שירה  
אליסף בן פורת , גבריאל בראל  
Gal Navon (Gal Ben Naama)  
עודד בן בלהה , יוכבד בת לאה  
אבינתן בן דיצה תרצה  
דניאל שמעון בן שרון  
Ben Shimoni  
הירש בן שרה  
אבינתן בן דיצה תרצה  
מיכאל בן רחל  
עילי עזר בן אפרת  
עידן אלכסנדר בן יעל  
נריה בן שרון  
מוריה בת סנדרה  
יהונתן בן לימור  
דביר חיים בן רוית  
הדר בת גליה  
אליהו בן בת שבע  
בועז מנשה בן עטרה  
אלקנה בוחבוט בן רוחמה  
שגיא בן נעמית  
דור בן דורית  
תומר שגב  
אברהם בן רפאל  
אורי בן סיגלית  
אוריאל ביבי בן יעל ג'וליה  
אושר בן רחל  
איתמר בן מיכל  
רינת הודיה בת מיכולה  
הירש גולדברג פולין  
Adi Margalit bat Elka Chana  
עומר מקסים בן אורנה אסתר ורון  
doreen attias bat tali  
אופיר אנגל  
נעמה בת איילת  
איתי בן חגית  
תמיר בן חרות  
שגיא בן נעמית  
Matan ben Anat

Ada bat Esther  
Adi bat Shoshan  
Adina bat Eida  
Agam Ben Chen  
Alma bat Yonat  
Amelia bat Daniella  
Avigail bat Smadar  
Aviva bat Golit  
Chana bat Jesse  
Chana bat Rivka  
Chen bat Giora  
Clara bat Tanya  
Dafna bat Maayan  
Danielle bat Rivka  
Ditza bat Leah Heiman  
Doron Bat Efrat  
Eitan ben Batsheva  
Ella bat Maayan  
Elma bat Leah  
Emma bat Sharon  
Emily bat Narkis  
Erez Ben Hadas  
Gal Ben Chen  
Gavriela bat Tanya  
Hagar Brodetz  
Hila bat Raaya  
Karina bat Eera  
Keren bat Rut  
Margalit bat Lita  
Maya bat Gavriella  
Maya bat Mirit Regev  
Meirav bat Rachel  
Mika bat Karina  
Naveh ben Adi  
Noam bat Sharone  
Noam ben Yonat  
Noga bat Shiri  
Ofelia bat Rosinta  
Ofry bat Hagar  
Ohad Ben Keren  
Or ben Renana  
Oria ben Hagar  
Rimon bat Avital  
Roni ben Marina  
Ruth bat Chedva  
Sahar bat Hadas  
Sharon bat Rivka  
Sharon bat Ruti  
Shiri bat Tamar  
Shoshan bat Rina  
Tal Ben Chen  
Tamar Metzger  
Yaffa bat Tova  
Yagil ben Renana  
Yahel Neri bat Adi  
Yuli bat Sharon  
Yuval ben Karina  
Yuval Ben Hagar

## L'ilui Nishmat:

אריאל בן אחיה ועידית אליהו הי"ד  
רועי וייזר  
רועי חיים בן נעמי וישראל  
תומר בן מיכל  
Yishai ben Yitzchak  
Avraham Ben Yaffa  
חנן (חנניה) בן יולנדה  
יונתן צור בן רבקה  
Nathanel Abraham Shalom ben Nahoum Maimon  
ישי בן ענבל  
רועי חיים בן ישראל מאיר ונעמי  
אור מלכה  
Ro'ee Ben yaron  
אריה בן דבורה  
Sgt. Roey Chaim Ben Yisrael Meir  
מתן בן מירי וארז  
רועי חיים בן נעמי וימי  
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יהונתן אהרון שטינברג  
Paul Kessler  
Sharona shumnit harel  
אלחנן אריאל בן יהודה הי"ד  
Elisheva Rose Ida Lubin  
לורן בת חוה  
אוריה בן ריטה  
Daniel Shimon ben Doron

## Refuah:

יונתן צבי בן שרון  
מיחי שמעון בן בתיה  
איתי בן לוי  
מיכאל בן אסתר  
יאיר בן דרורה  
נתנאל בן חיה אסתר  
עמיחי שמעון בן בתיה  
יאיר יונה בן דרורה ציפורה מלכה  
Kinneret D  
Hadar bat Galiya  
ענר שפירא  
Natalie  
בת יהודית and יהודית בת תמר  
נועה בת עדי מרציאנו  
נבו בן מירב  
דביר בן אורית  
יונה בצלאל בן חוה שושנה  
Shlomo Yair Chaim Ben Gittle Sara  
רז בן דליה  
Yonatan tzvi Ben Sharon  
Nadav Ephraim Ben Shulamit Leah  
יאיר בן דרורה

These lists are not comprehensive and only include names sent by people connected to this project. We pray for the welfare of those released from captivity (who may be in the hostage list).

May our learning be in the zechut of ALL those in need in Israel.