

היום אחד עשר יום שהם שבוע
אחד וארבעה ימים בעומר:

The Dee Pirkei Avot Project

Dedicated
to those who have tragically been murdered,
for the safe return of those missing or held hostage,
for the refuah of those injured,
the continued strength and bravery of our chayalim in the IDF
and safety of all those in our homeland of Israel.

**הוא היה אומר, אל תהי בז לכל אדם, ואל תהי מפליג לכל דבר, שאין לך
אדם שאין לו שעה ואין לך דבר שאין לו מקום:**

He would say: Do not disparage anyone, and do not shun any thing. For you have no man who does not have his hour, and you have no thing that does not have its place.

Have you ever discarded something only to need it the next day? Ben Azzai believes that every object and person has a purpose. There is a famous saying that the day you were born was the day G-d decided that the universe could no longer exist without you (a paraphrase from Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5).

This idea recurs in Ben Azzai's teachings, as seen in Gemara Avodah Zara 17A, where we read that one can acquire the whole world in one hour. He adds: "And every person has this hour". His notion of honoring others builds on Ben Zoma who said in 4:1: "Who is honoured? He who honours others" and on the fact that every human being is created in the image of G-d, hence we must honour others.

As teachers, we don't always manage to realise the hidden potential of our students but it is our task to respect them notwithstanding. I remember a very weak student in my class who I tried to help as much as possible. Today, he is the gabbai in our shul and decides who will be called up to the Torah... This idea is also encapsulated by Nathan Alterman in the song Elifelet composed by Sasha Argov about a simple, underappreciated boy, who eventually sacrificed his life as a soldier in battle to save his fellow soldiers. Everyone has his hour. Throughout history we find neglected events and times. In Hallel we sing about the stone neglected by the builders that eventually becomes the Rosh Pina.

Ben Azzai is not called "Rabbi" because he passed away at too young an age, like Lucy who I was privileged to teach when she attended Herzog College. But that is not the only thing Ben Azzai and Lucy had in common. Lucy's love and respect for others was well known to all who knew her. Early passing prompts reflections on the why and how. What about this person's hour? Why was it taken away? And the answer given is that apparently these people were on such a high level that they managed to fulfill their task in this world very quickly.

Lucy's life was taken by terrorists who did not accept that everything has its place, and that the natural place of the Jewish People is in Eretz Yisrael. However, we must not forget that the Mishna says there should not be "pilug", a schism from within. Because every Yid, whether we agree with his opinions or not, has his place and hour and is created in G-d's image. By uniting as one nation, we can make sure that the Temple with its designated place in Jerusalem will be rebuilt.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of examples of things of people that had their specific time or place in history?
2. Can you think of examples when something neglected eventually became important?
3. How can we make sure to respect every person even if we do not see their potential or worth?

Idea by Avraham Roos

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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
אריאל בן אחיה ועידית
יוסף מרדכי בן דינה
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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.