

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 chyalim in the IDF
and safety of all those in our homeland of Israel.

**רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן שָׁמוּעַ אוֹמֵר, יְהִי כְבוֹד תַּלְמִידְךָ חֲבִיב עֲלֶיךָ כְּשֶׁלְּךָ,
וְכְבוֹד חֲבֶרְךָ כְּמוֹרָא רַבָּךְ, וּמוֹרָא רַבָּךְ כְּמוֹרָא שָׁמַיִם:**

Rabbi Elazar ben Shamua says: Let the honour of your student be dear to you as your own, and the honour of your fellow like the reverence of your teacher, and the reverence of your teacher like the reverence of Heaven.

The Mishna at first glance, seems to be establishing a hierarchy for honoring your fellow man...with Heaven / Hashem at the top, followed by your Rav, who through his learning represents Torah and Heaven. Your friend, can also be your chavrusa – the person you learn with in the beis hamedrash (Kehati), and therefore deserving of honor, and finally your student. The Medrash Shmuel explains, that Rabbi Elazer's intent is to respect every person beyond their actual standing, in order not to come to injure the honor of which they are actually worthy.

Let the honor of your student as precious as your own. Moshe Rabeinu told Yehoshua בחר לנו "choose people for US." Moshe could have said 'choose people for ME', but he chose to treat Yehoshua as his colleague.

Let the honor of your fellow be like the reverence of your teacher – Aharon said to Moshe בִּי "please my master" – this despite the fact that Moshe was Aharon's younger brother. Aharon addressed him as his teacher.

The intention cannot be that we are all equal; rather, the Mishna is teaching the importance of respect and giving honor to every person, irrespective of their status.

With regard to teachers, the Tiferes Yisrael, explains the comparison of a teacher to G-d means one should accept his teacher's opinions even though he disagrees, just as we do not question G-d's word.

This reminds us of Stewart's mother z"l. When Stewart or his siblings would come home and complain about a teacher, she would tell them "you don't like what the teacher said, well they are the teacher and you must respect them. You think they aren't doing a good job – you study hard, become a teacher and do better."

Discussion points:

Do we ever know the level of honor which a person actually deserves?
How can we change one relationship tomorrow to actualize the Mishna?
Are you a teacher or a student or both? You may not have a certificate or sit in a class, but do you teach others facts or values and do you learn from others – when and how?

Idea by Stewart and Karen Taylor

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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
אלחנן קלמנזון
אריאל בן עידית ואחיה
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דביר חיים בן ישראל עמיחי
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
Zecharia Pesach ben Aharon Baruch

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.