

# 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  
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**עֲשָׂרָה נִסִּים נַעֲשׂוּ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצְרַיִם וְעֲשָׂרָה עַל הַיָּם. עֲשָׂר מַכּוֹת הֵבִיא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עַל הַמִּצְרָיִים בְּמִצְרַיִם וְעֲשָׂר נִסִּיּוֹנוֹת נָסוּ אַבוֹתֵינוּ אֶת הַמָּקוֹם בְּרוּךְ הוּא בַּמִּדְבָּר, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (במדבר יד) וַיִּנְסוּ אֹתִי זֶה עֲשָׂר פְּעָמִים וְלֹא שָׁמְעוּ בְּקוֹלִי:**  
Ten miracles were performed for our ancestors in Egypt, and ten [miracles were performed] at the [Reed] Sea. [With] ten trials did our ancestors test the Omnipresent, blessed be He, in the Wilderness, as it is said (Numbers 14:22): “Yet have they tested Me these ten times, and have not hearkened to My voice.”

The Mishna reflects on the ten plagues in Egypt and the ten miracles at the sea. These miracles were so profound that even a simple maidservant witnessed a revelation of Hashem greater than the prophet Yechezkel ever saw (Mekhilta, Massekhta De-Shira 3). Yet, this is what makes the next part of the Mishna so troubling: that same generation tested Hashem ten times! The Gemara in Erchin 15a enumerates these tests, all of which stem from a lack of reliance on Hashem. How could those who witnessed the greatest plagues and miracles question Hashem’s providence and ability to provide for them?

Their inability to rely on Hashem arose from discomfort with their dependence on Him. They wanted to keep their own provisions of Manna and spy out their own land. It wasn’t that they doubted Hashem’s power, they had surely seen his might. Rather, they found it overwhelming to surrender control and embrace His providence.

Having just experienced Yom Kippur, this lesson becomes ever more relevant. We must let go of the illusion that we are the sole architects of our lives, relying exclusively on our own abilities or that of others to navigate life’s challenges. Of course we are required to perform hishtadlut (effort), but we must simultaneously recognise that Hashem is the ultimate source, that He is the ultimate provider. Just as then He believed in the Jewish people to subsequently accept the Torah and form a covenant with Him despite their numerous tests and challenges, He believes in us now to renew our commitment to Him and his Torah. This year let us draw closer, forego self-reliance, and embrace Hashem’s presence throughout all aspects of our lives.

### Discussions Questions:

Can you think of a successful area in your life that you often credit to your own talents, making it difficult to rely on Hashem or express gratitude to him? Why might you struggle in this area? What tangible steps can you take to bring Hashem more into your daily routines and decisions, whether at work, school or in other responsibilities?

The Dvar Torah highlights letting go of the illusion that we are the sole architects of our lives. How does this message challenge modern culture's emphasis on independence and personal success?

Idea by Freddie Chazan

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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 בוים  
 ענר אליקים בן שירה  
 אליסף בן פורת , גבריאל בראל  
 Gal Navon (Gal Ben Naama)  
 עווד בן בלהה , יוכבד בת לאה  
 אבינתן בן דיצה תרצה  
 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  
 Ditzza 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  
 Ori 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 ויזר  
 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  
 דביר חיים בן ישראל עמיחי  
 יוסף מלאכי בן דינה ודוד  
 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  
 ilan Cohen  
**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.