

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
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There are four temperaments among dispositions: [a person who is] easy to anger and easy to appease -- his gain is cancelled by his loss. [A person who is] hard to anger but [also] hard to appease -- his loss is cancelled by his gain. [A person who is] hard to anger, but easy to appease -- [that's a] pious person. [A person who is] easy to anger and hard to appease -- [that's a] wicked person.

Why is it declared as a pious trait to be hard to anger and be easily appeased?

To be easily appeased can be logically understood as pious, since the source of appeasement is found through many righteous approaches such as appreciating things from Hashem, appreciating others and simply a general sense of gratitude towards our creator. The happiness that can be easily obtained is likely to lead to more good. This illustrates the idea that one who is easily appeased is more likely to be ready to pass the simcha they feel onto others; this causes a wonderful chain effect that creates more good in the world, so understandably this is a pious matter.

On the other hand, it is less clear why becoming hard to anger is so pious. It can be understood that if one is hard to anger, it means they will not have their gain of piety through appeasement offset by their loss. This middah of being hard to anger can create better relationships between a person and others as well as with Hashem. Rabbi Yitzchak Waldshein points to the words of the sages, "one who gets angry loses his wisdom". Even a bit of anger can cause a person to lose their perspective completely and forfeit control over their emotional world.

Words spoken in anger can destroy relationships. For example, following an outburst at a friend, the friendship can be reconciled but it will never be at the same level. As a result, being easily appeased may not be enough to combat the quick anger that changes the status of relationships.

If we apply this concept to our relationship with G-d, it is clear why the attribute of being hard to anger and easily appeased is so impressive. This is because we focus even on the little things that we are blessed with and can be thankful for; we do not let our anger easily deter ourselves from our relationship with Hashem. This is important because when we can have this relationship with Hashem it can improve our relationships between one and their friend creating a happier place of serving Hashem with gratitude.

Discussion Points:

What can you do to be easier to appease?

What other temperaments do you think are pious?

What are other traits you can work on to improve your relationship with Hashem?

Idea by Joel Bornstein

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Protection of Soldiers in the IDF

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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
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 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
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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
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.