



"רבי אליעזר אומר: יהי כבוד חברך חביב עליך כשלך..."

"Rabbi Eliezer says: Let other people's dignity be as precious to you as your own."

*Pirkei Avot 2:15*

So God created Man in his image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis, 1:27)

"You shall not insult the deaf or place a stumbling block before the blind." (Leviticus, 19:14) We do not wittingly place a stumbling block before people with disabilities. By ignoring or not identifying their needs we do inadvertently place a stumbling block before them.

Ben Azzai taught: Do not disdain any person; do not underrate the importance of anything- for there is no person who does not have his hour and there is no thing without its place in the sun. (*Pirkei Avot 4:3*)

Educate each child according to their way. (Proverbs 22:6)

Hillel said: "Be like the disciples of Aaron: Love peace and pursue it; love people and bring them close to Torah." (*Pirkei Avot 2:5*)

Do not separate yourself from the community. (*Pirkei Avot 2:5*)

Do not look at the container but what is in it. (*Pirkei Avot 4:27*)

Blessed are You, Eternal God, who makes Your creations different. (Traditional liturgy)

O God, may all created in your image recognize that they are kin, so that in one spirit and in one friendship, they may be forever united before You. (Traditional liturgy)

Every member of the people of Israel is obligated to study Torah-whether one is rich or poor, physically able or with physical disability. (Maimonides, *Mishne Torah, Hilchut Talmud Torah*, chapter 10)

Hillel stated: "What is hateful to you, do not do unto your neighbor. This is the entire Torah; all the rest is commentary." (*Shabbat 31a*)