



מִסְכַּת אָבוֹת פָּרָק ד מִשְׁנָה כ: "אֵל תִּסְתַּכֵּל בְּקַנְקוֹ"

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רַבִּי אוֹמֵר:

אֵל תִּסְתַּכֵּל בְּקַנְקוֹ.
אֶלֶּא בְּמָה שֵׁישׁ בּוֹ.
יֵשׁ קַנְקוֹ חֲדָשׁ מְלֵא יֵשׁוּן.
וְיֵשׁוּן שֶׁאֶפְלוֹ חֲדָשׁ אֵין בּוֹ.

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which is in it:
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The Mishna:

Avot, Chapter 4, Mishna 20

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הַמִּשְׁנָה:

אבות ד, כ

רַבִּי אוֹמֵר:
אֵל תִּסְתַּכֵּל בְּקַנְקוֹ, אֶלֶּא בְּמָה שֵׁישׁ בּוֹ.
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● Explain the parable in the Mishna:

❖ What is a new container?

❖ What is an old container?

❖ What is old in a new container?

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● What important principle is the Mishna teaching us here?

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Choose one of the titles and write a short story, using the principle that we learned: “don’t look at the container but at that which is in it”

The titles:

- Why was a rabbi, who was only 18 years old, appointed to serve the community?
 - The diamond ring that was discovered to be a fake.
 - Who is the mysterious flower seller, and how did she actually help the whole world?
You can add your own title
- ❖ Share your story with the class and listen to the stories that your classmates have to tell.



A spiral-bound notebook page with a large empty rectangular box at the top, outlined in green. Below this box are horizontal blue dotted lines for writing. The notebook has a silver spiral binding on the left side.