



מִסְכַּת אָבוֹת פָּרָק ד' מִשְׁנֵה יב: "יְהִי כְבוֹד תַּלְמִידָךְ"



The Mishna:

Avot, Chapter 4, Mishna 12:

Rabbi Elazar ben Shammua said:
let the honor of your student be as dear to you as your own,
and the honor of your colleague as the reverence for your teacher,
and the reverence for your teacher as the reverence of heaven.

המשנה:

אבות ד, יב

רבי אלעזר בן שמוע אומר:
יהי כבוד תלמידך חביב עליך כשלך
וכבוד חברך כמורא רבך
ומורא רבך כמורא שמים.

A short explanation on the Mishna:

“let the honor of your student be as dear to you as your own” – a Rabbi or teacher must honor his students as much as he honors himself.

“and the honor of your colleague as the reverence for your teacher” – a person must honor his colleague more than he honors himself and must honor his colleague like he honors his teacher. He must make sure not to be rude to anyone or upset them.

“and the reverence for your teacher as the reverence of heaven” – a person must honor, and even fear, his Rabbi or teacher, almost as much as fearing God.

(Also based on Rabbi Even-Israel Steinsaltz’s commentary on Pirkei Avot, p. 235, courtesy of the Steinsaltz Center).

Level 1

- **Memorizing** the Mishna with hand movements.

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- **Discussion in class:**

- ❖ How can we honor and fear other people (a friend, Rabbi, student)

Suggestions for answers:

Speak politely and respectfully, do not interrupt, appropriate facial expressions, and more.

- ❖ Do you think children behave on social media according to the Mishna’s recommendations?
- ❖ Do students in your school behave on live chats in school according to the Mishna’s recommendations?
- ❖ How can we improve communication and mutual behavior on social media and in life, in general?

Write your suggestions on the board.

Options:

Raise awareness to suitable ways of talking to friends, students and teachers. Read the Mishna as a guideline for appropriate behavior.

Set rules and guidelines for the class Whatsapp group.

How should we behave in general? What should we never do during a class discussion or on social media?



Options:

- *Whoever speaks rudely, friends should tell them privately.*
 - *Do not remove friends from your social groups.*
 - *Keep language clean on your class social media.*
- **Song and dance:** how can we change reality with speech? Show the video of the song and dance “Positive thoughts and positive speech” in class. Explain the words – then dance!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO8XCQBCucc>
- ❖ Suggestion: ask the students how they feel when they hear the song.