



מִסְכַּת אָבוֹת פֶּרֶק ה' מִשְׁנָה ז': "שִׁבְעָה דְבָרִים בְּחָכְמָה"

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שִׁבְעָה דְבָרִים ... בְּחָכְמָה:
 אִינוּ מְדַבֵּר בְּפָנֵי מִי שֶׁהוּא גָדוֹל מִמֶּנּוּ בְּחָכְמָה וּבִמְנוֹן,
 וְאִינוּ נִכְנָס לְתוֹךְ דְּבַרֵי חֲבֵרוֹ,
 וְאִינוּ נִבְהַל לְהַשִּׁיב,
 שׂוֹאֵל כְּעֵינָן וּמְשִׁיב כְּהִלְכָה,
 וְאוֹמֵר עַל רֵאשׁוֹן רֵאשׁוֹן וְעַל אַחֲרוֹן אַחֲרוֹן,
 וְעַל מָה שֶׁלֹּא שָׁמַע, אוֹמֵר לֹא שָׁמַעְתִּי,
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 A wise man does not speak before one
 who is greater than he in wisdom,
 And does not break into his fellow's speech;
 And is not hasty to answer;
 He asks what is relevant,
 and he answers to the point;
 And he speaks of the first [point] first,
 and of the last [point] last;
 And concerning that which he has not heard,
 he says: I have not heard;
 And he acknowledges the truth...

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The Mishna:

המשנה:

Avot, Chapter 5, Mishna 7:

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אבות ה',
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The Mishna teaches us seven characteristics of a wise man.

The teacher will give each group a saying:

- ❖ Memorize the saying (you can use the following video clip):

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- ❖ Read the explanation of your saying and answer the question:

Why do you think it is important to behave this way?

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- ❖ Prepare a short presentation for the class that reflects the behavior we just learned. (You can also present the opposite behavior from the wise man's behavior, to emphasize the importance of the wise man's behavior).
- ❖ In conclusion, teach the whole class, the characteristic of the wise man that you learned! The other students will summarize your ideas on their worksheets.

❖ Complete the table after each group has explained its sentence:

Characteristics of a wise man	Explain the characteristic in your own words
<p>אִינוֹ מְדַבֵּר בְּפָנָי מִי שֶׁהוּא גָדוֹל מִמֶּנּוּ בְּחָכְמָה וּבְמִנִּין</p> <p>A wise man does not speak before one who is greater than he in wisdom</p>	
<p>וְאִינוֹ נִכְנֵס לְתוֹךְ דְּבַרֵי חֲבֵרוֹ</p> <p>And does not break into his fellow's speech</p>	
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<p>שׁוֹאֵל כְּעֵינָן וּמְשִׁיב כְּהֵלָכָה</p> <p>He asks what is relevant, and he answers to the point</p>	
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How hard or easy is it for me to behave like this?

- Mark **in yellow** the behaviors of the wise that are easy for you to do.
- Mark **in green** the behaviors of the wise that you think that you might be able to do, but with some effort.
- Mark **in pink** the behaviors of the wise that are hardest for you to do.



● *Personal assignment:*

Choose one of the wise person's characteristics that you feel you can implement and write yourself a reminder – what is the characteristic, how do you think that you can improve in that area?

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