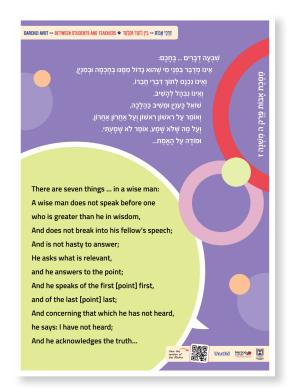
מַּסֶּכֶת אָבוֹת פֶּרֶק ה מִשְׁנָה ז: ״שִּׁבְעָה דְבָרִים בֶחְכָם״





The Mishna: המשנה:

Avot, Chapter 5, Mishna 7:

There are seven things ... in a wise man:

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.

אבות ה,ז

שִׁבְעָה דְבָרִים ...בָחָכָם: אֵינוֹ מְדַבֵּר בִּפְנֵי מִי שֶׁהוּא גָדוֹל מִמֶּנּוּ בְחָכְמָה וּבְמִנְיָן, וְאֵינוֹ נִכְנָס לְתוֹךְ דִּבְרֵי חֲבֵרוֹ, וְאֵינוֹ נִבְהָל לְהָשִׁיב שׁוֹאֵל כְּעִנְיָן וּמֵשִׁיב כַּהְלָכָה, וְאוֹמֵר עַל רָאשׁוֹן רָאשׁוֹן וְעַל אַחֲרוֹן אַחֲרוֹן, וְעַל מַה שָׁלֹא שָׁמַע, אוֹמֵר לֹא שָׁמְעִתִּי, וּמוֹדֶה עַל הָאֶמֶת...







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):





Read the explanation of your saying and answer the question:

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

- 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
אֵינוֹ מְדַבֵּר בִּפְנֵי מִי שֶׁהוּא גָדוֹל מִמֶּנוּ בְחָכְמָה וּבְמִנְיָן	
A wise man does not speak before one who is greater than he in wisdom	
וְאֵינוֹ נִכְנָס לְתוֹךְ דִּבְרֵי חֲבֵרוֹ	
And does not break into his fellow's speech	
וְאֵינוֹ נִבְהָל לְהָשִּׁיב	
And is not hasty to answer	
שׁוֹאֵל כָּעִנְיָן וּמֵשִׁיב כַּהֲלָכָה	
He asks what is relevant, and he answers to the point	
וְאוֹמֵר עַל רָאשׁוֹן רָאשׁוֹן וְעַל אַחֲרוֹן אַחְרוֹן	
And he speaks of the first [point] first, and of the last [point] last	
וְעַל מַה שֶׁלֹא שָׁמַע, אוֹמֵר לֹא שָׁמְעְתִּי	
And concerning that which he has not heard, he says: I have not heard	
וּמוֹדֶה עַל הָאֱמֶת	
And he acknowledges the truth	





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?		