

מְדּוֹת Middot - Jewish Values

The following is a list of Jewish values in Hebrew and English. Encourage your students to learn the words in Hebrew and their meanings. Then, supply them with these prompts:

- For each value, think of someone you know who demonstrates that value.
- For each value, develop an action plan of how you could demonstrate that value.
- Interview your parents. Which of these values do they hold as a core belief?
- Assign one value for each month. During each month, concentrate on practicing that value with your family.



מְדּוֹת Jewish Values Chart

Acts of loving kindness	גְמִילוּת חֲסֶדִים
And you shall teach your children	רְשִׁנַנְתָם לְבָנֶיךָ
Compassion	רַחֲמִים
Courage	אֹמֶץ לֵב
Do not be passive in the face of violence	לא תַּעֲמוֹד עַל דַם רֵעֶךֶ
Enhance the commandment	הְדּוּר מִצְנָה
Ethical treatment of animals	צַעַר בּעֲלֵי חיִים
Forgiveness	סְלִיחָה
Friendship	טַברוּת
Generosity	נְדִיבוּת
Gratitude	הַכָּרַת הטוֹב
Happiness	שִׁמְחָה
Honesty	ישֶׁר
Honor, Respect	כָּבוֹד
Hope	הַקוֹנָה
Hospitality	הַכְנָסַת אוֹרְחִים
In the image of God	בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים
Justice and Mercy	דִין וְרַחֲמִים
Learning	תַּלְמוּד תּוֹרה
Love of all God's creations	אַהֲבַת הַבְּרִיוֹת
Love your neighbor as yourself	וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֲדָ כַּמוֹדָ
Not destroying	בַּל תַּשְׁחִית
Not gossiping	לָשּוֹן הַרַע
Peace	שָׁלוֹם
Peace in the home	שָׁלוֹם בָּיִת
Proper behavior	דֶּכֶד אֶכֶץ
Redemption of captives	פָּדְיוֹן שְּבוּיִים
Repairing the world	תִּקוּן עוֹלֶם
Righteousness, Charity	צְדָקָה



Saving a life	פָקוּתַ נֶפָשּ
Taking care of your body	שְׁמִירַת הַגוּף
Tolerance	סוֹבְלָנוּת
Truthfulness	אֶֶמֶת
Uniqueness of every human being	אָדָם יָחִיד
Visiting the sick	בָּקוּר חוֹלִים