



## **Jewish Values Texts**

### ***Tanakh***

#### ***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15:7-8***

If, however, there is a needy person among you, in any of the towns of the land Adonai your God is giving to you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather you must open your hand and lend him whatever he needs.

#### ***Devarim 16:18***

Justice, justice you shall pursue, that you may live, and inherit the land which the Lord your God gave you

#### ***Isaiah 50:4***

Adonai has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

#### ***Tehillim (Psalms) 92:13-14***

The righteous will flourish like a date palm. Like a cedar in Lebanon he will grow tall.

#### ***Mishlei (Proverbs) 22:2***

The rich and poor meet together; God is the maker of them all.

#### ***Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 7:25***

So I turned about and applied my heart to know, to explore, and to search for wisdom and the reason for things.

### ***Rabbinic***

#### ***Mechilta D'Rabbi Ishmael 20:20***

Be not like those who honor their gods in prosperity and curse them in adversity. In pleasure or pain, give thanks!

#### ***Pirkei Avot 1:18***

On three things the world is sustained: on truth, on judgment, and on peace.

#### ***Pirkei Avot 2:1***

Rabbi [Judah HaNassi] would say: Which is the right path for man to choose for himself? Whatever is harmonious for the one who does it, and harmonious for mankind.

#### ***Pirkei Avot 2:4***

Hillel would say: Do not separate yourself from the community. Do not believe in yourself until the day you die. Do not judge your fellow until you have stood in his place

#### ***Pirkei Avot 2:21***

"It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it either."

#### ***Pirkei Avot 3:17***

He whose deeds surpass his wisdom, to what is he compared? To a tree whose branches are few, but whose roots are abundant; even if all the winds in the world come and blow against it, they will not be able to move it from its place.

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### ***Pirkei Avot 4:3***

Do not be scornful of any person.

### **Talmud, Shabbat 127b**

Rabbi Yehuda said in the name of Rav: Welcoming guests is greater than receiving the face of the *Shechina* (God's divine presence) as it is written; My lords, if it please you do not go on past your servant. Let a little water be brought. (Genesis 18)

### **Talmud, Shabbat 127b**

He who judges his fellow man favorably, will in turn be judged favorably.

### ***Talmud, Zevachim 102a***

"Let the interests of the place in which you dwell be your own."

### **Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel**

There is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings, that indifference to evil is worse than evil itself, that in a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible.

### **Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav**

If you believe breaking is possible, believe fixing is possible.

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All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by fear.

### ***Tannat Eliyahu***

This is what the Holy One said to Israel: My children, what do I seek from you? I seek no more than that you love one another and honor one another.

### ***Seder Eliyahu Rabbah***

Four virtues refresh the world: charity, justice, truth and peace.

### **The Legends of the Jews, Louis Ginsberg**

In general, the Israelites were not in a joyous mood. The strength of men is readily exhausted, mentally and physically, by the strain of a sudden change from slavery to freedom.

### **Prayer for the State of Israel, traditional**

Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the first manifestation of the approach of our redemption. Shield it with Your lovingkindness, envelop it in Your peace, and bestow Your light and truth upon its leaders, ministers, and advisors, and grace them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land, grant them deliverance, and adorn them in a mantle of victory. Ordain peace in the land and grant its inhabitants eternal happiness.