



## STONE 2016 RESOURCE

### Who Is Wise? (We Are!), *FJC Knowledge Center Resource*

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<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Text study for learning about valuing the opportunity to learn from every person. - Submitted by Sara Beth Berman
<b>TOPICS:</b>	Communication Skills, Community Building, Historic Jewish Figures, Identity, Jewish Culture, Jewish History, Jewish Text, Jewish Values, Prayer- Alternative, Storytelling, Team Building
<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b>	Participants will value learning from other people - of differing ages, backgrounds, and experience.
<b>AUDIENCE:</b>	Any size group can be subdivided to do this text study. Go nuts.
<b>LENGTH:</b>	20-30 Minutes
<b>APPENDIXES:</b>	Post It Party Elective Handout
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	Handout. Write-up.
<b>SETTING:</b>	Pretty flexible. Have fun. Be comfortable.

#### Session Description:

1. Who is wise? (We are.) (30 minutes):
  - a. Text Study (10 minutes):
    - i. *Note from larger program: Bring your Post-Its with you. Set them aside, and make a group with 3-4 people. Try to get someone from camps that are DIFFERENT than yours. JCC, URJ, Ramah, Moshava, Habonim Dror, Independent.*
    - ii. You shouldn't be grouped with anybody from your movement for this activity. (See Handout)
  - b. Questions about the text:
    - i. What does this text teach you about camp?
    - ii. What does this text teach you about learning at Cornerstone / with people who don't share your history, views, and/or opinions?

## Pirkei Avot (Teachings of the Fathers) 4:1

בן זומא אומר: איזהו חכם? הלומד מכל אדם, שנאמר: (תהלים קיט צט): "מכל מלמדי השכלתי כי עדותיך שיחה לי".

*Ben Zoma said: Who is wise? One who learns from all people, as it is written (Psalm 119:99) "I have gained understanding from all my teachers."*

איזהו גבור? הכובש את יצרו, שנאמר (משלי טז לב): "טוב ארך אפים מגבור ומשל ברוחו מלכד עיר".

*Who is mighty? One who subdues their passions, as it is written (Proverbs 16:32) "One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city."*

איזהו עשיר? השמח בחלקו, שנאמר: (תהלים קכח ב): "יגיע כפיך כי תאכל אשריך וטוב לך". אשריך, בעולם הזה. וטוב לך, לעולם הבא.

*Who is rich? One who rejoices in their portion, as it is written (Psalm 128:2) "You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you." "You shall be" refers to this world; and "it shall be well with you" refers to the world to come.*

איזהו מכבד? המכבד את הבריות, שנאמר: (שמואל א ב ל): "כי מכבדי אכבד ובזי יקלו".

*Who is honored? One that honors their fellow people, as it is written (I Samuel 2:30) "For those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt."*

Questions about the text:

- What does this text teach you about tefillah?
- What does this text teach you about learning at camp?
- What does this text teach you about learning in this class?
- How can YOU be "wise" at camp?
- How can YOU be "wise" in Tefillah?
- How can YOU be "mighty" at camp?
- How can YOU be "mighty" in Tefillah?
- How can YOU be "rich" at camp?
- How can YOU be "rich" in Tefillah?
- How can YOU be "honored" at camp?

- How can YOU be “honored” in Tefillah?

**Additional Notes for Bringing it Back to Camp:**

This text study can be linked to all sorts of other activities - it's been a staple in my teaching for years.  
Enjoy!

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**APPENDIXES:**

**SBBERMAN POST IT PARTY ELECTIVE HANDOUT, I THINK?**