

Old, New, Borrowed & Blue
A Framework for Jewish Learning
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Step 1: Select a value from the Making Mentsches Periodic Table of Character Traits:



Value/Virtue

Step 2 (Old): Find a partner, share your Value/Virtue, and have them write on your paper a traditional Jewish text that relates to your Value/Virtue



Old - Traditional Jewish Text

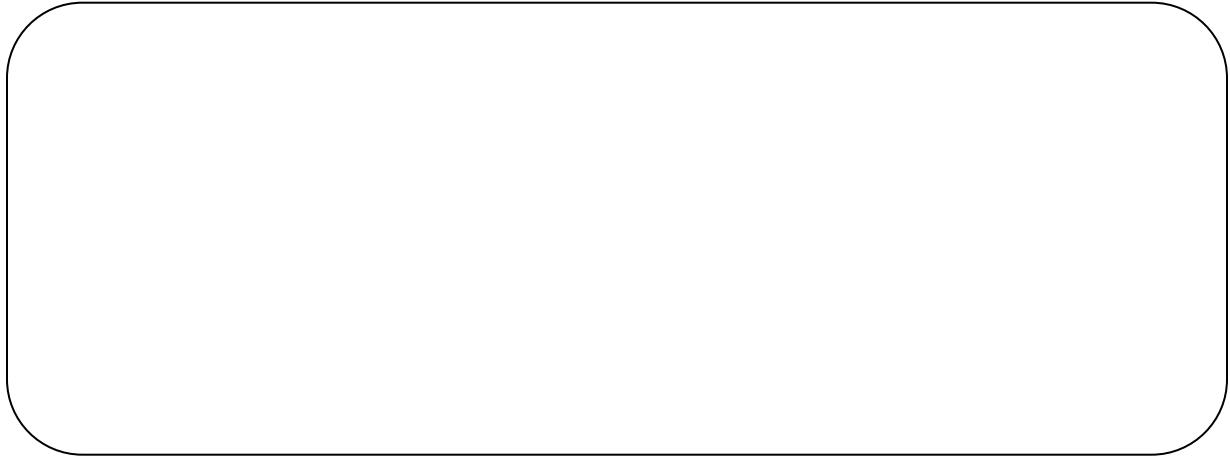
Step 3 (New): Find a new partner, share your Value/Virtue, and have them write on your paper a contemporary Jewish text or text that is connected to/inspired by Jewishness or Judaism that relates to your Value/Virtue. This can be a text from a secular Jewish source or a text that exists in contemporary Jewish spaces.



New - Contemporary Jewish Text

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Step 4 (Borrowed): Find another partner, share your Value/Virtue, and have them write on your paper a non-Jewish text that relates to your Value/Virtue. This can be a text from any other religious or secular tradition.



Borrowed - Non Jewish Text

Step 5 ("Blue"): Find a partner, share your Value/Virtue, and have them write on your paper an idea for how to create an emotionally evocative experience/question that relates to your Value/Virtue. This can be a short activity, a guided meditation or reflective question.



Blue - Emotionally Evocative Experience

Step 6 ("Gift"): Read through all of these and reflect how collectively this is a gift you received and one that you hope to offer someone else.