

KIBUD AV V'EIM – FAMILY TREE

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Within the laws and customs of how to get married, we learn about the laws of Honoring Father and Mother. And this is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of honoring our parents which is an even greater mitzvah during a time of intensity or challenge.

Today we'll take family appreciation to the next level and create our very own family trees! This is a great reason to call grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins – whomever it takes to fill up your family tree!

Check out just one example of Honoring Parents in the Gemara Kiddushin 31a!

The Rabbis asked Rav Ulla: How far must one go to fulfill the mitzva of **honoring one's father and mother?** Rav Ulla **said to them: Go and see what one gentile did in Ashkelon, and his name was Dama ben Netina. Once the Sages sought to purchase merchandise** from him **for six hundred thousand gold dinars' profit, but the key** for the container in which the merchandise was kept **was placed under his father's head,** and he was sleeping at the time. **And** Dama ben Netina would **not disturb** his father by waking him, although he could have made a substantial profit.

בעו מיניה מרב עולא עד היכן
כיבוד אב ואם אמר להם צאו
וראו מה עשה עובד כוכבים
אחד באשקלון ודמא בן נתניה
שמו פעם אחת בקשו חכמים
פרקמטיא בששים ריבוא שכר
והיה מפתח מונח תחת
מראשותיו של אביו ולא ציער

GAME PLAN

1. Print family tree attachment
2. Call family
3. Fill in tree

Stay tuned for next week when we'll dive further into our family histories with a guided conversation!