

## **TRACTATE AVOT**

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Seven things are in a clod and seven in a wise man.

שָׁבְעָה דְבָרִים בַּגֹּלֶם וְשִׁבְעָה בֶּחָכָם.

- The wise man does not speak before הֶּ)חָכֶם אֵינוֹ מְדַבֵּר בִּפְנֵי מִי שֶׁהוּא
   one who is greater than he (in גְדוֹל מִמֶּנוּ (בְּחָכְמָה),
   wisdom);
- and does nor interrupt the words of his comrade;
- ּ וְאֵינוֹ נִכְנָס לְתוֹךְ דִּבְרֵי חֲבֵרוֹ,

• and is not hasty to respond;

ָוְאֵינוֹ נִבְהָל לְהָשִׁיב, •

- he asks according to the issue and replies to the point;
- שׁוֹאֵל כָּעִנְיָן וּמֵשִׁיב כַּהֲלָכָה, •
- and speaks of the first thing first and of אַחֲרוֹן ראשוֹן רְאשׁוֹן וְעַל אַחֲרוֹן 

   the last thing last;
- and on what he has not heard he says, אַוֹמֵר לֹא 'I have not heard'; יְעַל מַה שֶּׁלֹא שָׁמַע, אוֹמֵר לֹא
- and he acknowledges the truth.

.וּמוֹדֵה עַל הָאֱמֶת. •

And their opposites in the clod.

וְחָלּוּפֵיהֶן בַּגֹּלֶם: