



## Pirkei Avot Perek Gimmel

### I. Learning:

- A. Pirkei Avot continues as the rabbis hand down the oral tradition from generation of rabbis to the next group of students. These rabbis were still living at the time of Hillel and there was still a Great Assembly of rabbis in Jerusalem.
- B. The second Mishna specifically tells us to pray for the wellbeing of the government that is in charge of the nation where we live. Rabbi Chanina instructs us to do that since the rules of the government help keep peace and keep lawfulness in the land we pray for the government each Shabbat morning as part of the prayers said after we read the Torah in synagogue.
- C. Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa says that someone whose deeds are more than his wisdom, his wisdom will last but if he thinks that his wisdom is more important than his deeds, he won't end up with wisdom.
- D. Rabbi Yishmael says that it is important to welcome every person with happiness and joy.
- E. Rabbi Akiva said that because Hashem loves us he made mankind in his image. It is through Hashem's special love for us that we understand that we are created in Hashem's image. And it is with his special love that we understand that we are all Hashem's children. It is through this love that we know that the world was given to us to do the laws and mitzvot of Hashem.
- F. Rabbi Elazar says that where there are no manners (derech eretz) there is no Torah and where there is no Torah there are no manners. The Torah teaches us how to act, but we cannot act correctly if we do not have the Torah as our guide. If we do not have understanding we do not have knowledge. Likewise if we do not have knowledge then we cannot understand. If there is no kemach (flour) there cannot be Torah, and if there is no Torah there cannot be kemach. This means that if we do not make a livelihood, thereby causing us to have food and sustenance, we will not be able to learn Torah. But if we do not learn Torah, we will not be able to go out and earn a livelihood. All go hand in hand.

## II. Edible Project: Eem Ain Kemach Ain Torah: if there is no flour there is no Torah. Making Challah



1 egg

1 cup water

1 Tb lemon juice

3 Tb oil

1 ½ tsp salt

½ cup sugar

4 cups bread flour

4 Tsp yeast

Mix all ingredients together in this order. Let stand one hour. Knead and let stand ½ hour. Knead again and let stand ½ hour. Knead again and braid into 2 challot. Cover and let rise 1-2 hours. (you do not need to take a piece of challah to burn since you do not have 8 cups of flour). Bake at 350 for 33 minutes.

## III. Craft: Welcome Mat: Welcoming in guests with Happiness.



40 Strips of felt (1 inch wide and 3 feet long)

These can be different colors but should be at least two different colors.

20 strips of felt (1 inch wide and 40 inches long)

These can be different colors but should be at least two different colors as well.

Lay the long strips out to form a rectangle. Carefully weave the shorter strips in and out of the longer strips top to bottom. Turn over the mat and tape or glue the ends down. You now have a welcome mat to welcome in guests with happiness.