

Jewish Values List for Early Childhood

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English Value	Hebrew Value	Transliteration	Explanation/Application
Acts of loving kindness	גְּמִלוּת חֲסָדִים	Gemilut hasadim	Giving without reward
Behaving properly with good manners	דֶּרֶךְ אֶרֶץ	Derekh eretz	Treating all with respect
Being cheerful	סֵבֵר פָּנִים יְפוֹתוֹת	Sever panim yafot	Having a positive attitude
Blessings	בְּרָכוֹת	Berachot	Appreciating the world
Commandment/good deed	מִצְוָה	Mitzvah, mitzvot (pl)	Actions/commitment
Community	קְהִילָה	Kehilla	Belonging/connection
Compassion	רַחֲמִים	Rachamim	Developing empathy
Contentment/happy with what you have	שְׂמֵחַ בְּחֻלְקוֹ	Sameach b'chelko	Focus on joy
Cooperation	שִׁתּוּף פְּעוּלָה	Shituf peulah	Learning teamwork
Courage	אִמְץ לֵב	Ometz lev	Trusting oneself
Divine image	צֶלֶם אֱלֹקִים	Tzelem Elokim	Caring for humanity
Do not destroy or waste	בַּל תִּשְׁחִית	Bal tashchit	Care for environment/property
Each person is unique	אָדָם יָחִיד	Adam yachid	We all have worth
Family	מִשְׁפָּחָה	Mishpacha	Sanctity of family life
Feeding the hungry	הָאֲכָלֵת רְעֵבִים	Ha'akhalat re'evim	Sharing the world's resources
Forgiveness	סְלִיחוֹת	Selichot	We all make mistakes
Friendship	חֵבְרִוּת	Chaveirut	Friendship takes compromise
Generosity	נְדִיבוּת	Nedivut	Giving one's time, energy
Gratitude	הַכָּרַת הַטּוֹב	Hakarat hatov	Looking for the good
Havdalah (separation from the ordinary)	הַבְּדֵלָה	Havdallah	Some things are special
Help others / do not stand idly by	לֹא תֵעָמָד	Lo ta'amod	Stand up for what is right
Honesty	אֱמֶת	Emet	Truth, owning one's deeds
Honor/respect	כְּבוֹד	Kavod	Respecting everyone
Industriousness	מְלָאכָה	Melacha	Good things take a little effort
Kindness to animals	צַעַר בְּעֵלֵי חַיִּים	Tza'ar ba'alei hayyim	Prevent animals from suffering
Love for Torah / learning	אַהֲבַת תּוֹרָה	Ahavat torah / limud	Lifelong learning
Love of nature (love of all creation)	אַהֲבַת הַבְּרִיּוֹת	Ahavat habriyot	All living things deserve respect
Optimism / problem solving	אוֹפְטִימִיוּת	Optimiyut	New perspectives, solutions
Patience	סְבִלְנוּת	Savlanut	Relax, try a different approach
Peace / peaceful home	שְׁלוֹם / שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת	Shalom/Shalom bayit	Civility and compassion
Repairing the world / activism	תִּקּוּן עוֹלָם	Tikun olam	All are responsible for the earth
Repentance	תְּשׁוּבָה	Teshuvah	Recognize and fix mistakes
Returning lost property	הַשְׁבַּת אֲבֵדָה	Hashavat avaydah	No such thing as finders-keepers
Righteous giving / charity	צְדָקָה	Tzedakah	Justice
Significance of names	לְכֹל אִישׁ יֵשֶׁת שֵׁם	Lekol ish yesh shem	Names and words have impact
Shabbat	שַׁבָּת	Shabbat	Rest and rejuvenate
Taking care of one's body	שְׁמִירַת הַגּוּף	Shemirat haguf	Keep bodies healthy and safe
Visiting the sick	בִּקּוּר חוֹלִים	Bikur cholim	Care and sympathy for illness
Welcoming guests	הַכְּנָסַת אֹרְחִים	Hachnasat orchim	Inclusiveness

Jewish Ideas and Thought that Inspire Jewish Early Childhood Education

Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.	(Talmud)
My father planted for me and I plant for my children.	(Talmud)
<p>A person reaches in three directions: inward, to oneself up, to God out, to others. The miracle of life is that in truly reaching in any one direction, one embraces all three. – Rebbe Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev</p>	
<p>Everyone carries with them at least one and probably Many pieces to someone else's puzzle. Sometimes they know it. Sometimes they don't. And when you present your piece Which is worthless to you, To another, whether you know it or not, Whether they know it or not, You are a messenger from the Most High. – Lawrence Kushner</p>	
<p>Come and Learn: The voice of God spoke to each Israelite, that means to each and every person God's voice was heard and understood because the voice spoke to each individual according to that person's particular ability to hear and understand..to the elderly in keeping with their ability, to the young in keeping with their ability, to the little ones in keeping with their ability, and so on. (Midrash) Exodus Rabba 5:9</p>	
<p>You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it Rabbi Tarfun, Pirkei Avot (Chapter 2, Mishna 21).</p>	
<p>Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed. Abraham Joshua Heschel</p>	
<p>Ben Zoma says: Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone. Who is strong? The ones who control themselves. Who is rich? The ones who are happy with what they have. Who is honored? The one who honors others. (Chap 4, Mishna 1)</p>	
<p>Rabbi Meir says: Do not look at the jug, but what is in it... (Chap 4, Mishna 27)</p>	
<p>Hillel says: If I am not for myself, who will be for me, and if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? (Chap 1, Mishna 14)</p>	
<p>Yehoshua ben Perachya says: Make for yourself a teacher, and acquire for yourself a friend... ..and judge everyone favorably. (Chap 1, Mishna 6)</p>	
<p>Shammai says: Say little and do much... ... and greet everyone with a cheerful face. (Chap 1, Mishna 15)</p>	
<p>Hillel says: Do not separate yourself from the community (Chap 2, Mishna 5)</p>	
<p>Ben Bag Bag says: Turn it [the Torah] over and over, for everything is in it... (Chap 5, Mishna 26)</p>	
<p>Ben Azzai used to say: Do not be scornful of any person... or any thing, for you have no person without his hour... and no thing without its place. (Chapter 4, Mishna 3)</p>	
<p>(Daddy) said, 'All children must look after their own upbringing.' Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands. Anne Frank</p>	