

Texts on Team
Living and Learning
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“He used to say: Do not act as judge alone, for none judge alone except One...”

Pirkei Avot 4:10

- How might we act as judge in our roles as educators, leaders, etc.?
 - How does a team help mitigate some of this inclination?
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“You shall also seek out, from among all the people, capable individuals who fear God - trustworthy ones who spurn ill-gotten gain.” Yitro to Moses regarding judges, Exodus 18:21

- Are these sufficient qualities for judges? For team members?
 - What other qualities would you include?
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“When two people listen patiently to one another, the Holy One, Blessed be the One, listens to them too.” - Shabbat 63a

- How does patient listening impact a team?
 - How can you help a team to navigate truly listening to one another?
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“...everyone whose heart is so moved shall bring them.... And let all among you who are skilled come and make all that the Eternal has commanded.”- Regarding gathering resources for and building the tabernacle, Exodus 35:5 and 35:10

“See the Eternal has singled out by name Bezalel, son of Uri son of Ur, of the tribe of Judah, endowing him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft.” – Regarding building the tabernacle, Exodus 35:30-31

- What are the implications of these two sections about who should and could participate in the building of the tabernacle?
 - How might this apply or not apply to the work you are doing to develop a team?
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“Those who have wept and laughed together are no longer strangers.”

-Max Nordau (Co-Founder of WZO with Theodor Herzl)

- Enjoy the team building activities handout and remember connection questions.