

Dan L'kaf Zechus Activity

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Grade Level: Elementary, Middle School, High School

Description:

Help accustom your students to judging others favorably by having them participate in the following activity! Relate a story in which the protagonist seems unquestionably guilty and challenge students to come up with a Limud Zechus! Templates upon which students can write their favorable judgement are provided – they read, “Ani Yachol/Yechola Ladun Acheirim L'kaf Zechus – I can judge others favorably. This is what I think REALLY happened.” This activity can be done as part of a regular class or as part of a workshop.

What to download

- Download the print-ready PDF file (includes lesson plan/instructions).
- OPTIONAL: Download the editable Word file (does not include lesson plan/instructions).

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Goals/Objectives:

Students will practice judging favorably by thinking of a Limud Zechus for protagonists of stories they are told.

Materials Needed:

- Dan L'kaf Zechus stories
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Prepare several Dan L'kaf Zechus stories which are applicable to students' lives.
2. Print and cut out Limud Zechus templates.
3. Teach students the Mitzva of being Dan L'kaf Zechus.
4. Present the stories to your students and have them fill out a Limud Zechus on their cards. (This can be done in pairs or groups.)
5. Discuss students' answers.

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