

הלכה of the Week

~ Preparing for תפילה (1) ~

When praying, one is standing in the presence of 'ה, the King of kings. A person must prepare himself for this meeting, as the נביא (prophet), עמוס, says: (עמוס ד:י"ב) "הכון לקראת-אלקיך ישראל" ~

"Prepare yourself for your G-d, Israel." (Amos 4; 12)

Standing before Hashem requires preparation and careful thought. A person who is preparing to pray should feel as if he were going to meet a human king or an important government minister.

פרקי אבות of the Week

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ט רבן יוחנן בן זבאי קבל מהלל ומשמאי. הוא היה אומר,

אם למדת תורה הרבה,
אל תחזיק טובה לעצמך,
כי לבך נוצרת.

Rabban Yochanan Ben Zakkai received the tradition from
(or, learnt Torah from) Hillel and Shammai.

He used to say:

**"If you have studied much Torah,
do not take credit for yourself,
because that is what you were created to do."**

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