



Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:17-18

THE ALIEN WHO RESIDES WITH YOU SHALL BE TO YOU AS THE CITIZEN AMONG YOU;

YOU SHALL LOVE THE ALIEN AS YOURSELF, FOR YOU WERE ALIENS IN THE LAND OF EGYPT: I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. LEVITICUS 19:34

Also you shall not oppress a stranger: for you know the heart of a stranger, seeing you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

—Exodus 23:9

אהיה אשר אהיה

"Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh" ~ Exodus 3:14

I Will Be What I Will Be

For a man strikes many coins from the same die, and all the coins are alike; whereas the Holy One, blessed be He, struck every man from the die of the first man, and yet no man is quite like his fellow.

(Sanhedrin 4:4)





The test of faith is whether I can make space for difference. Can I recognize God's image in someone who is not in my image, who language, faith, ideal, are different from mine? If I cannot, then I have made God in my image instead of allowing him to remake me in his.

— *Jonathan Sacks* —

AZ QUOTES

“Welcoming wayfarers is greater than welcoming the Divine Presence” (Shabbat 127a)

Abraham said [to God], “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.”

[Then turning to the three men, he said,]

“Let a little water be brought, and then you all may wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you all something to eat, so you all can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you all have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

(Gen. 18:3-5)



“Welcoming guests is tantamount to honoring God. To welcome a guest into your home and treat him with respect because he is created in the likeness and image of God—this is considered like honoring the Shekinah itself.”

Rabbi Yehudah Loew of

Prague

Do not neglect to show hospitality to *strangers*,
for by this some have entertained *angels* without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

Φιλοξενία

-philoxenia: (fil-ox-en-ee'-ah)
from *philo* (verb) "love" + *xenos* "a stranger"
hospitality, warmth, friendliness
shown to strangers



xenophobia

noun | xe·no·pho·bia | \
ze-nə-'fō-bē-ə , zē-\

: fear and hatred of strangers or
foreigners or of anything that is
strange or foreign

This was the guilt of . . . Sodom:
pride, excess of food,
and prosperous ease,
but she did NOT
aid the poor and needy.

Ezekiel 16:49

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MATTHEW 5:45

...that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.
He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

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*If you love those who love you,
what reward will you get? Are not
even the tax collectors doing that?
And if you greet only your brothers,
what are you doing more than others?
Do not even pagans do that?
Be perfect, therefore, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.*

Matthew 5:46-48