



## Building My Jewish Philanthropic Lens: Words To Live By

“Do not hate your brother in your heart.”  
Leviticus 19:17

“Run to perform even a minor mitzvah and flee from sin.”  
Pirke Avot, 4:2

“This is the precept by which I have lived: prepare for the worst; expect the best; and take what comes.”  
Hannah Arendt

“Pride goes before ruin; arrogance, before failure. Better to be humble and among the lowly than to share spoils with the proud.”  
Proverbs 16:18-19

“A man should not say ‘I love the learned and hate the unlearned’; he should say ‘I will love them all.’”  
Avot d’Rabbi Nathan, 16

“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am for myself only, what am I? If not now... when?”  
Hillel

“Wonder, rather than doubt, is the root of all knowledge.”  
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

“Comfort is not a Jewish value.”  
Rabbi Levi Lauer

“This is the key to time management - to see the value of every moment.”  
Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

“One who glorifies himself through the denigration of his fellow has no share in the World to Come.”  
Rabbi Yosi ben Chanina

“Everyone must have two pockets, with a note in each pocket, so that he or she can reach into the one or the other, depending on the need. When feeling lowly and depressed, discouraged or disconsolate, one should reach into the right pocket, and, there, find the words: ‘For my sake was the world created.’ But when feeling high and mighty one should reach into the left pocket, and find the words: ‘I am but dust and ashes.’”  
Rabbi Simcha Bunim Bonhart of Peshischa

“Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality. When we recognize our place in an immensity of light-years and in the passage of ages, when we grasp the intricacy, beauty, and subtlety of life, then that soaring feeling, that sense of elation and humility combined, is surely spiritual ... The notion that science and spirituality are somehow mutually exclusive does a disservice to both.”  
Carl Sagan

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”  
Anne Frank

“Spiritual life is superior to physical life. But the physical life of another is an obligation of my spiritual life.”  
Rabbi Israel Salanter

“Always remember: happiness is not a side matter in your spiritual journey - it is essential.”  
Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav

“The Torah begins and ends with *chesed* - lovingkindness.”  
Talmud Bavli Sotah 14a

“A pious Jew is not one who worries about his fellow man’s soul and his own stomach; a pious Jew worries about his own soul and his fellow man’s stomach.”

Rabbi Israel Salanter

“It is not knowing, but the love of learning, that characterizes the scientific man.”

Charles Sanders Pierce

“Man wants to achieve greatness overnight, and he wants to sleep well that night too.”

Rabbi Yosef Yozel Horwitz, Alter of Novarodok

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Love your neighbor as your self.”

Rabbi Akiva ben Joseph, commenting on the general principle of the Torah

“If you believe breaking is possible, believe fixing is possible.”

Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.”

Albert Einstein

“The Maharal of Prague [Rabbi Judah Loeb, d.1609] created a golem, and this was a great wonder. But how much more wonderful is it to transform a corporeal human being into a mensch!”

Rabbi Israel Salanter

“All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by fear.”

Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav

“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”

Emma Goldman

“If a fellow isn’t thankful for what he’s got, he isn’t likely to be thankful for what he is going to get.”

Frank A. Clark

“I can forgive you for killing my boys, but I can never forgive you for making our boys kill yours.”

Golda Meir

“It is not incumbent upon you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it.”

Pirkei Avot, 2:16

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Reinhold Niebuhr

“Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

“Circumstances are beyond human control, but our conduct is in our power.”

Benjamin Disraeli

“Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson