

## The First Two Steps to Mentschhood – Part II

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I enjoy teaching my fourth grade classes the “Seven Steps to Mentschhood,” based on my book of the same title. We have now learned steps 1 & 2 which end with a three question worksheet. The last of those question is, “*Why is it important to learn this step?*” Last week, we reviewed the responses to Step # 1 – You shall love your fellow man as yourself. Following are selected responses to Step # 2: You shall not hate your brother in your heart.

### 4A

- So when you are mad at someone you won't hate them in your heart.
- So you don't get into arguments.
- So people won't have disagreements.
- So you don't get into fights.
- Because you don't want to be a mean monster for your life.
- So you won't embarrass anyone.
- So you won't make people feel bad.
- Because it's against the Torah.
- So if you don't like someone you won't take it too far.
- So you don't mess up in the future
- So you don't hate someone forever.
- So you can avoid going somewhere you don't want to go.
- Step # 2 includes many rules that would make people better and smarter in the world of “mentschhood.”

### 4B

- So you can have a good life.
- So you can have a good life because nobody wants you to hate anybody.
- If you can't get someone to stop making fun of you, you will get made fun of all your life.
- So you are not upset all the time because of you are upset people around you get upset.
- So you can have a better life.
- So you can have a good life and have more friends.
- So you don't have to have a bad life because you are always hating.
- The more you hate someone the more your life will be miserable.
- Because if you don't follow this step you can get into a lot of bad situations and have no friends.
- You make more friends.
- So you don't walk around hating people.
- So you will be happy for the rest of your life.