

Jewish Values

Below are sample lists of key Jewish values that have been collected from various sources. Although there are a few differences in terminology and focus, there are many commonalities among the lists.

1) List of Jewish values developed by the Morasha Jewish Day School in Orange County, California:

- *Tikkun Olam* – Improving the world
- *Klal Yisrael* – Unity of the Jewish people
- *Emunah* – Belief in God
- *Menschlicheit* – Decency toward others
- *Eretz Yisrael* – Connection to the land of Israel
- *T'fillah* – Relationship with God through prayer and ritual
- *Chinuch* – Education and study
- *Minhagim V'halachot* – Judaism as a way of life
- *Kavod* – Respect for people, God, the environment, community
- *Kehillah* – Building a supportive social environment

2) From *The Book of Jewish Values* by Louis Jacobs:

- *Limmud ha-Torah* – Study of Torah
- *Ahavat ha-Shem* – Love of God
- *Yirat shamayim* – Fear of Heaven
- *Kiddush ha-Shem* – Sanctification of the Name
- *Bittahon* – Trust in God
- *Kedusha* – Holiness
- *Anava* – Humility
- *Ahavat re'a / Ahavat yisrael* – Love of Neighbor
- *Rahamanut* – Compassion
- *Emet* – Truth
- *Shalom* – Peace

3) From *Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values* by Barry L. Schwartz:

- *Talmud Torah* – Jewish learning
- *Klal Yisrael* – Jewish solidarity
- *Tzionut* – Zionism
- *Tikkun Olam* – Healing the world
- *Ometz Lev* – Courage
- *Herut* – Freedom
- *Tikvah* – Hope
- *Tzedek* – Justice
- *Pikuah Nefesh* – Saving a life
- *Tzedakah* – Charity
- *Shalom* – Peace
- *Zikaron* – Remembrance

4) List of top ten Jewish values compiled by Rabbi Mark Diamond, from
“www.Jewish.com” (<http://jewish.com/askarabbi/askarabbi/askr4500.htm>):

- *V'ahavta l'rayaha kamokha* – Love of others
- *Tzedakah* – Justice/responsibility
- *Gemilut hasadim* – Kindness/compassion
- *Talmud Torah* – Love of learning
- *Hakhnasat orhim* – Welcoming guests/strangers
- *Shalom bayit* – Peace/harmony in home/family
- *Tikkun olam* – Perfecting the world
- *Pikuah nefesh* – Sanctity of life
- *Shemirat lashon* – Sanctity of language
- *Anava* – Modesty/humility