

## Peoplehood Worksheet 1B: What is Community – Jewish Texts

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הלל אומר, אל תפרוש מן הצבור, ואל תאמן בעצמך עד יום מותך, ואל תדין את חברך עד שתגיע למקומו, ואל תאמר דבר שאי אפשר לשמוע שסופו להשמע. ואל תאמר לכשאפנה אשנה, שמא לא תפנה

Hillel said,

“Don’t separate yourself from the community.

Don’t be overconfident until the day of your death.

Don’t judge your fellow human being until you have reached that person’s place.

Don’t say anything that is unintelligible with the hope that it will be understood.

And don’t say, ‘When I have leisure I will study’ – perhaps you will never have that leisure.”

- Pirkei Avot 2:4

- *What does it mean to separate yourself from the community?*
- *In what different ways might someone separate himself or herself from the community?*
- *How does the first line of this quote connect to the rest of the text?*

“Nine tzaddikim cannot make a minyan, but if one common man joins them, he completes the minyan.”

- Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav

- *Paraphrase this text.*
- *What do you think this text says about the nature of a Jewish community?*