

# The Big 10: An Adventure in Core Jewish Values Course Excerpts

## Personal Reflection

 **Let's Chat!**


Have you ever heard someone say something like this?


*"I'm so stupid! I studied so hard for this test, and I completely failed!"*


*"I just heard a crazy story about our teacher. Do you want to hear it?"*


*"There is a dangerous person in my school - but I don't want to speak badly about others. What should I do?"*


Choose one of the quotes above. How would you respond to someone who said that to you? Click "submit assignment" at the top of the page. Then click "submit assignment" when you are done.

 **Competing**  
You get to do what you want - even if it hurts your relationship with the other person. Competing is helpful when you need to make an emergency decision, or if the other person will let you make decisions for them.

 **Collaborating**  
Both of you talk things out or work together until you reach an agreement that makes both sides happy. This takes the most time and trust, but in the end, both of you win!

 **Compromising**  
Find a solution where no one gets what they want. Compromising can work when you need to find a quick solution - but it isn't helpful when you want both sides to be happy.

 **Avoiding**  
Keep your opinions to yourself and don't argue at all. Avoiding works well when the issue is not as important as your friendship.

 **Accommodating**  
Let the other person "win" the disagreement and do what he or she says. Accommodating works when you know that the other person knows better than you.

## Creative Writing Exercises

 **What Would You Do?**

Respond to one of the two scenarios:

**1 no phone zone**

You are super excited for your two week family vacation to Hawaii. Your parents just made a new rule - no phones for the entire two weeks! Seriously, they just slammed on the breaks big time! You are totally upset - and annoyed! What should you do?

**2 high school**

Your parents are insisting that you attend the high school that your parents went to when they were your age. You know that this high school has developed a really bad reputation. What should you do?

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 **What Would You Do?**



You play in a band that has been doing really well lately. An agent found you and offered to make you and your band famous - you get to play your music everywhere, go on tours - you will be a star! Everything looks amazing, but there is only one problem - you are super close with your family, and it means you won't see them for weeks at a time. It's not an option for them to travel with you. What are you going to tell the agent? Explain your decision.



Your favorite singer is on tour, giving a one night only concert in your city on the same night as your best friend's bar mitzvah. You have been following this singer on social media for years! You have been waiting for this singer to come to your home town for years. You don't know if this singer will ever come back to your town. Explain your reasoning for choosing to go to see your favorite singer. Explain your reasoning for choosing to go to the bar mitzvah. Which one would you choose in the end? Explain your decision.

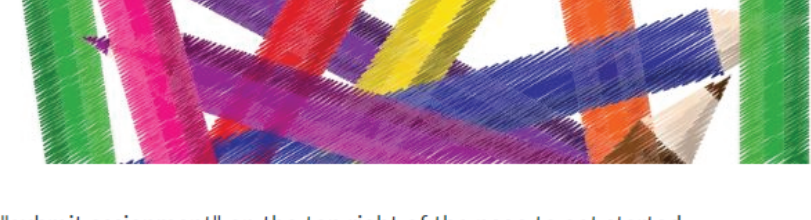
Choose **one** scenario. Answer the questions at the end of the scenario.

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## Creative Expression

 **Get Creative!**


**Design** a poster or **write** a play, poem, or song that explains the **core value** of the commandment "Do Not Covet."




Click "submit assignment" on the top right of the page to get started.

**You can either write directly in canvas using the text entry tab, record yourself, or upload a file from your computer.**

- To write your answer in Canvas, just type up your answer in the **Text Entry tab** and then click "submit assignment" when you are done.
- If you want to record a song, click the **'Media'** button and record yourself!
- If you choose to get creative using other tools on your computer, make sure to save your name in the file title - e.g. if Bob were saving a file, it might be called "bob covet creative assignment". When you are finished, click **"choose file"** below these instructions. Add your file as an attachment. Then click "submit assignment." You're done!

 **Just Do It!**

Belief in God also means understanding God's mission for us - to be a shining example of **justice** and **righteousness** in the world!

 **PRACTICE**

Go out and do a **good deed** - anything you can think of that will add goodness to the world.

**Record** yourself doing all or part of it. Submit your recording. **Explain** (in a video or write a couple of sentences) what you did, and how it added goodness to the world. If you're taking this course with other students, watch **someone else's** video. Respond to them, explaining why you liked what they did or asking them a question about their work.

Press 'reply' at the bottom of the page to respond to the discussion board question. Once you have finished formulating your answer click 'post reply.' After you have posted your answers, respond to two of your classmates' posts.


## Jewish Text Study

 **Talmud Tales**

Click through these two stories from the Talmud about **honoring parents** (Peah 1:1).



There was once a man who fed his father the finest meat.

 **Learn & Test Yourself**

The Avret Halakot are mentioned twice in the Torah - once in Sefer Shemot and once in Sefer Devarim (Deuteronomy). Read the 9th commandment from Shemot perek 20, passuk 13 below:

אִשָּׁה לֹא יִהְיֶה זָנָה כְּכֹהֵן יִשְׂרָאֵל

Don't be a false witness against your neighbor.

Next, read it in Devarim perek 5, passuk 17:


אִשָּׁה לֹא יִהְיֶה זָנָה כְּכֹהֵן יִשְׂרָאֵל

Don't be a worthless witness against your neighbor.

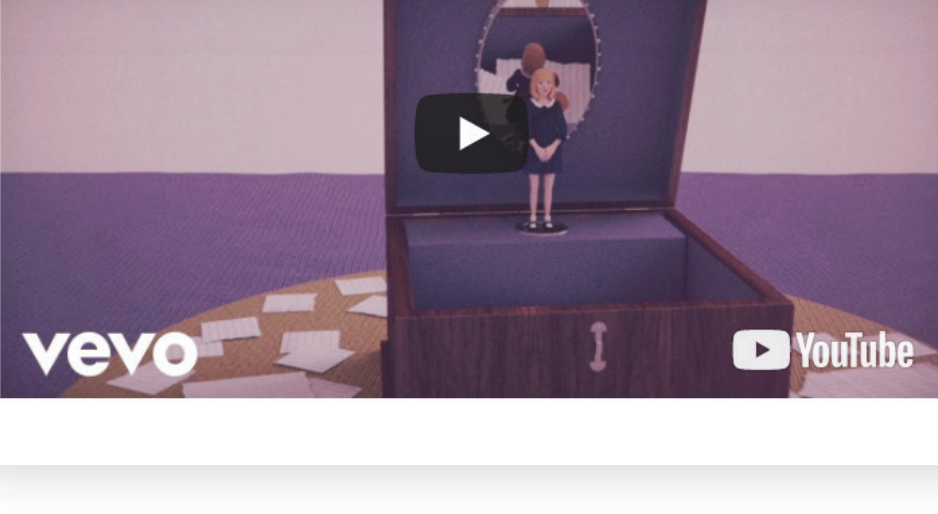
Although there is a one word difference - "false" and "worthless" - the rest of the words are the same in both places.

What exactly is a witness?

## Music and Video Activities

 **Listen & Discuss**


Take a few minutes to **listen** to Grace VanderWaal's song called **Gossip Girl**. **Read** through the lyrics on the video too.



Grace VanderWaal - Gossip Girl (Lyric)

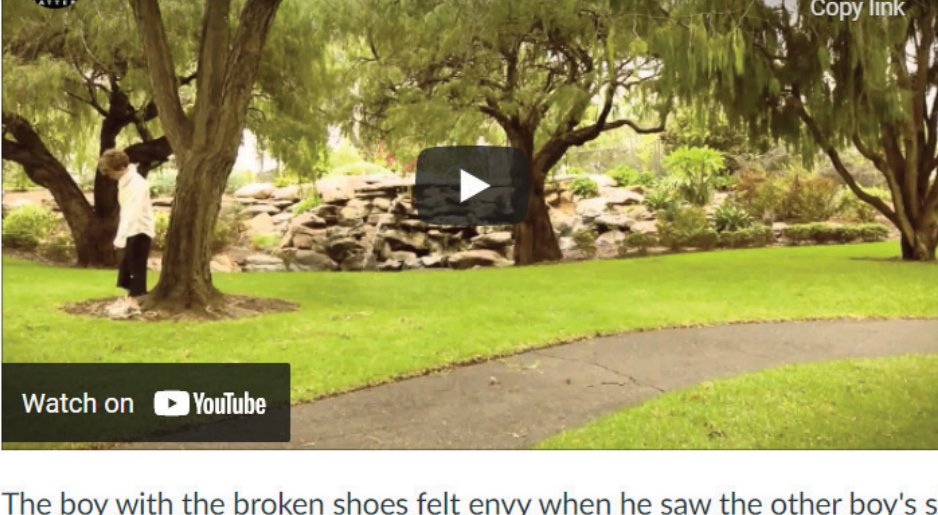
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 **Watch & Discuss**

The 10th Commandment is **Do Not Covet**. To covet is to envy someone so much that you are willing to do anything to get what they have.

Watch this video about coveting:



"My Shoes": A Fable about Life's Appearances, by EYE NE

Watch on YouTube

The boy with the broken shoes felt envy when he saw the other boy's shoes. **What mistake did he make? How do you feel when you feel envy? What advice would you give to the boy with the broken shoes?**