**שבירות ושלימות**

Brokenness and Wholeness

A Source Sheet with Four Beginnings

Oct. 27, 2020

1. **Rabbinic Reflection from 19th century Poland**

אין שלם מלב שבור

“There is nothing more whole than a broken heart.”

-----Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk

1. **Examining the roots**

**שבר שלם**

Whole Broken

1. **Brainstorming**

Jewish rituals or customs that center on breaking or making whole

Jewish History that reflects breaking or making whole

T’filot (prayers) that reflect brokenness or wholeness

Jewish law that addresses wholeness and brokenness

Relationships and wholeness and brokenness

Contemporary Jewish issues reflecting wholeness and brokenness

Israel politically, economically, socially and the tension between wholeness and brokenness

Word associations in Hebrew with שבר שלם

Literal to metaphorical

1. **Art Forms that reflect wholeness and brokenness**

Mosaic

Kintsugi (from Susan Weinberg)  [https://medium.com/@andreamantovani/kintsugi-and-the-art-of-repair-life-is-what-makes-us-b4af13a39921](https://medium.com/@andreamantovani/kintsugi-and-the-art-of-repair-life-is-what-makes-us-b4af13a39921" \t "_blank)

**Hevruta Guidelines**

Present the text, exchange responses to the text, and think about how you and your partner as artists might respond to the text.

Respect the knowledge, opinions, and point of origin of your partner

Avoid psychologizing, searching for a solution, or promoting a point of view

Know your goals

* Meta goal: Complete a hug, a circle, between you and your partner by the time of the exhibition through your joint study and art work.
* Set your learning goals with your partner
* Explain that there is a final project you’ll complete together that will evolve as you meet throughout the year. There will be a virtual catalog and, if possible, there will be an in-person component at the JCC.
* Set up a once/month time frame to meet for at least an hour. The first meeting should happen between Nov. 17 and Dec. 14. Your partner will not participate in the Lab zoom until June when we present our final projects.
* Commit to the Lab and to your partner for the entire year.

**A final teaching with a nod to last week’s parasha**

**בדורנו יש שלוש תיבות נח: התורה, השבת, והאחדות**

In our generation there are three Noah’s arks: (Torah) learning, Shabbat, and unity.

--- Rabbi Shalom Noach Berezovsky (1911-2000)

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