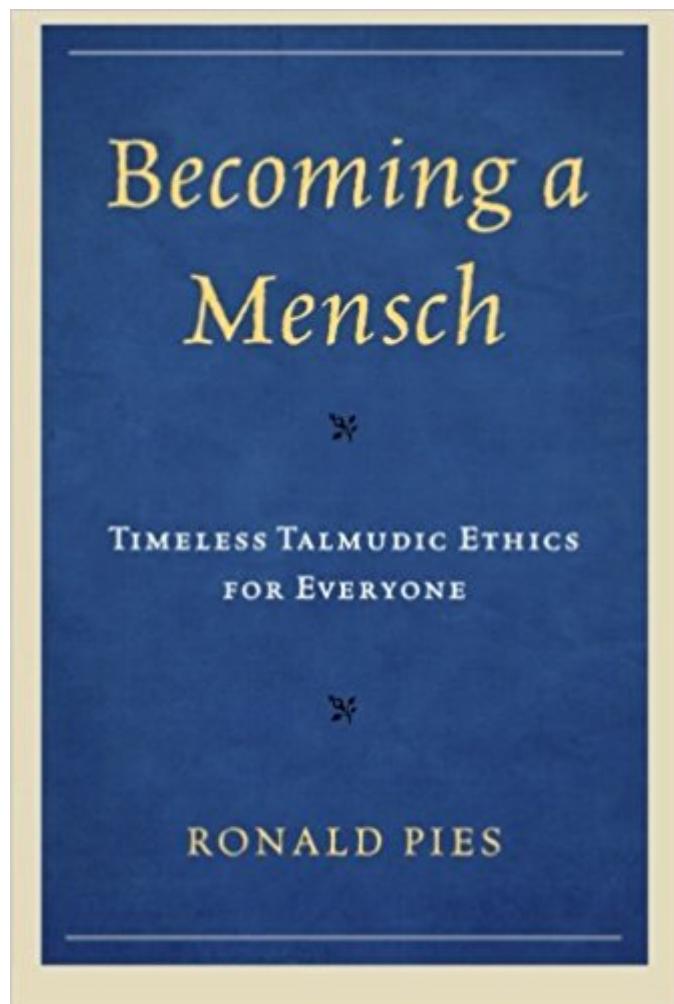


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# Becoming A Mensch: Timeless Talmudic Ethics For Everyone



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Becoming a Mensch is a "user's guide" to becoming a better person, taking readers through a process of personal growth by means of modern-day vignettes that draw upon the Talmud's ancient wisdom. By examining character traits such as "kindness and compassion," "self-mastery and self discipline," and "humility and flexibility," readers of any or no faith learn what it takes to become a "mensch" – a decent and honorable human being. Readers are introduced to the greatest sages of the Talmudic era and many modern masters of ethical behavior. Becoming a Mensch is not only a guidebook for personal growth – it is also a useful guide for parents who want to foster the ethical development of their children.

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Dr. Pies is a well known author and psychiatrist. His books are scholarly but always accessible and enjoyable with a wonderful writing "voice." In this volume, Dr. Pies systematically goes through what makes for a Mensch, or good person. You do not have to be Jewish (or any religion for that matter) to learn much from this volume. What sets this book apart is that the lessons learned are readily applicable in all of our real life situations, particularly dealing with others in this complex world. Dr. Pies takes us on a journey of everyday, practical ethics using original source material from such great thinkers as Maimonides and Hillel. This volume is a gem to read - though scholarly, it is both accessible and downright fun. In fact, my only criticism is that it is so enjoyable as to be hard to even put it down for a minute. Dr. Pies is to be commended for bringing us such insight, scholarship, and

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This book is a gem in a world where real values are often forgotten...It is a wonderful guidance for everyone - I wish every student would read it before graduation from high school - it would be a better world.

This copy was the 12th I purchase in the past 4 years. Becoming a Bensch along with Everything has Two Handles Doctor Pies' work is one of my favorite Holliday gifts. I recommend as a singular educational reading and exceptional help for youths entering adulthood.

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