

The importance of Education
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Good evening ladies and gentleman, My name is Maya McNamara from Vancouver Talmud Torah school. Tonight I want to tell you about one of the pillars that the world stands on – Education. My parents always tell me that School comes first and that we never stop learning. Education comes in many forms and some of the best things you learn, you learn when you don't even know it. Education is the process of receiving or giving instruction – formal instruction or day to day casual instruction.

The importance of education is stressed in many places in the bible going back to very early days. One of the main duties of Jewish parents is to give their children instruction and Elementary school was considered a must in the Talmud which states that education should begin at the age of six. The responsibility of teaching children is even written in the first paragraph of the Sh'ma. The translation reads: "Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children"

There is a good reason why there is such a focus on education in the bible- Education has an enormous influence on society. It helps people tell the difference between right and wrong, apply the right laws and make the right decisions. People have come a long way since caveman because of education. We learned to be efficient and cultured because of it and manage to control crime and violence better. A lot of developing countries that are struggling with poverty, violence and bad governments are in that situation because the people are not educated enough to have the knowledge and power to make a difference.

Even racism is the result of people simply not knowing any better.... Some governments and groups even keep their people not educated on purpose so that they will believe anything they tell them.

Everything we are able to do for ourselves comes down to education. Everything that we rely on other people for comes down to it also.

I am very lucky to live in a country that values education with parents that are supporting me getting me the best education I can get. VTT, my school, has a great curriculum with awesome teachers and a great environment perfect for learning and making friends. It makes me sad to think about children who don't go to school and live in countries where they are not safe because the adults around them don't have the education to easily make a difference.

I think that education has a huge influence on my life because I am not only learning skills at school that will lead me hopefully to fulfilling my life long dream of going to the university of British Columbia, better known as UBC but also helps me understand the world I live in and hopefully one day make a difference by helping others – thanks to my education I understand the value of education...

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