**Senior Fellowship Leadership Program**

**Class # 1 -** The Fellowship Crossroads: “I am a Stranger and Resident among you”

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  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nU4EJfX2aXE>

Gym Stereotypes: Mr. Excuses, Weights for dates, yoga guy, No idea what I am doing, Screamer, singer, gallon of water, selfie guy, treadmill sprinter, justifier

1. Why is each person doing these seemly strange behaviors in the gym?
2. Mr. Excuses,
3. Weights for dates
4. Yoga guy
5. No idea what I am doing
6. Screamer
7. Singer
8. Gallon of water
9. Selfie guy
10. Treadmill sprinter
11. Justifier
12. What organizing principles explain all these behaviors?

In MJE we also have the equivalent of the stereotypes. What are they?

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**Growth identity vs Fun only identity**

* 1. Time:
	2. Food:
	3. Relationships:
	4. Friends:
	5. Course study:
	6. Holidays:

[The Universal and the Covenantal](https://books.google.com/books?id=SRtAnVpJTxYC&pg=PA73&source=gbs_toc_r&cad=4) , **Reflections of the Rav: Man of faith in the modern world pg.75**

“We study the narrative of the patriarchal period as though these Jews were lifted out of the ordinary concerns which affected their non-Jewish neighbors. In fact there is no purely covenantal historical experience. The reason is obvious. Abraham lived among various people of divergent faiths. When he negotiated with the sons of Heth (of the Hittites) for a burial plot for his wife Sarah, he defined his status: “I am a stranger [immigrant] and a resident among you” (Gen 23:4). He was basically declaring that the sectarian faith he was propounding did not preclude his commitment to further the welfare of the general society. Indeed, the Midrash teaches: “Great are the righteous of the world for occupying themselves with the habitation of the world.”

1. Why does Avraham see himself as being both a stranger and a resident?
2. What is so hard in occupying yourself with “habitation of the world”?
3. What is challenging in living in that space?
4. How is the Senior Fellowship designed to help?