



Six Word Memoirs for Starting the Year

Six Word Memoirs are a growing trend as writers, celebrities, and “regular folk” are telling their stories in just six words. Smith Magazine’s <http://sixwordmemoirs.com> boasts memoirs on every topic including teens, school, love, and even Jewish topics.

This fall challenge your students to tell their personal stories in just six words. This activity, appropriate for grades 4 and up, is a fun way for students to describe themselves to each other and to you using concise and clever language.

You might have students write:

- What they did over the summer
- A wish for the new year
- Ideas for *t’shuvah*
- *Middot* (values) that are important to them

Collect the responses in a word document, Google docs, or on your classroom blog so that the students can read each other’s writings.

For examples, visit the website listed above.