

**“Kaf Ze-khut”**  
*Judge Everyone Favorably*  
(Rick Dinitz)

I will judge everyone favorably  
Though I'm upset  
I'll give my neighbor the benefit of the doubt  
When I feel resentful  
I will remember the words of this song  
And think of a reason why [she, they, you] could be right  
and I could be wrong

(Chorus)

“He-ve dan et kol ha-adam le-khaf ze-khut”

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Lo ehyeh ke-kapdan

Ela muchan

Be-khol inyan

Ladun kol adam

Le-khaf ze-khut

Kaf ze-khut, kaf ze-khut

(Chorus Translation)

Judge every person favorably

Give every person the benefit of the doubt

I won't be hypercritical

But rather, ready

In every case

To judge everyone

On the side of merit

Balance pan of merit

”הוֹי דָּן אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם לְכַף זְכוּת”

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לֹא אֶהְיֶה כְּקַפְדָּן

אֶלָּא מוּכָן

בְּכָל עֲנִיָּן

לְדוֹן כָּל אָדָם

לְכַף זְכוּת

כַּף זְכוּת, כַּף זְכוּת

(based on Pirkei Avot 1:6)