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1. A recent study shows that children from homes with many books do better at school—because they see that their parents value literacy.



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2. The Jewish Nation is called "the People of the Book." Let's explore this.

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3. Maaser money may be used to buy seforim—because seforim are as important to Jewish continuity as is Jewish education.



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4. There is a mitzvah for every Jew to write a Torah scroll.



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5. This mitzvah today means we must collect and study seforim.



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6. Judaism honors seforim:

- a. A man carrying a sefer enters a room first
- b. Seforim don't go on the floor
- c. We don't sit on chairs or beds with seforim
- d. Seforim are never placed face down
- e. Seforim are piled in a specific order
- f. Seforim must be closed before leaving
- g. Destroyed seforim must be buried

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7. G-d put His very soul into the Torah.



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8. Sages are like G-d—they put their very souls into their seforim.



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9. Studying the words of the Sages is like studying with the Sages.



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10. By honoring seforim, we honor the Sages' souls.

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