From the Rabbi

“YEHUDA IS A LION’S WHelp, FROM THE PREY, MY SON, YOU HAVE GONE UP.”
(Bereishis 49:9)

Rashi says Yehuda rose up through two actions. First, he was responsible for the selling of Yosef instead of killing him. Second, he saved Tamar through publicly embarrassing himself.

The Kuzari states that someone who rules over himself and his impulses is the definition of a righteous person. Such a person is a true ruler and will be able to lead others with the same integrity that he rules over himself. This is why Yehuda merited being the ruler and having all future kings come from his tribe.

You can see the tremendous outcomes of ruling over yourself. A person who exudes inner strength and self-confidence draws people to choose him as their leader.

When Yehuda admitted publicly what he did and embarrassed himself to save Tamar it took tremendous self-discipline and that ability to rule over himself made him a true king.

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• Rabbi Kalatsky will give his Hilchos Shabbos class at 8:35 AM
• Rabbi Goldberger will give a Parsha shiur Friday night in his home at 8:30 PM
• Mazel Tov to David & Brigitte Rokach on the birth & bris of their son. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Drs. Irv & Beverly Thorne and the entire family!
• Winter Time Shabbat Learning: The next shiur will take place this week, Shabbat Parshat Vayechi, Jan. 10 at 8:30PM at the Klein home, 2748 Quentin Ave, on the topic: “The blessings of Dan and Yehuda”
• Marshall Mintz is offering free rides to the airport for people flying to Israel. It does not need to be a direct flight as long as the final destination is Israel. He can be contacted at mmintz02@gmail.com 952-212-7805, 952-927-0081
For this week when something comes up that I need to apologize for and it is difficult to admit the wrong that was done realize when I admit the mistake to someone else I am becoming a true leader.

Have an empowering Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

Dvar Halacha

By: Rabbi Dr. Avraham Klein

The rod of judgment (reprinted from חיוך)

This week’s Parsha includes a blessing by Yaakov to Yehuda (Gen. 49, 10):
"...லא יושר שבט מיהודה ו,error מברק רודיו " – “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the scholar from between his feet...”
The English translation “scepter” is inaccurate. A better translation is “rod” – for beating, or even “whip”. See e.g. Proverbs 26, 3: “A whip for the horse... and a rod [שבט] for the back of fools.” The Bavli (Sanhedrin 5a) explains the verse: “The rod etc. – these are the heads of the Exiles who rule over Israel with a rod; nor the scholar etc. – these are Hillel’s sons sons who teach Torah to the masses”.
The Bavli’s discussion deals with a Dayan’s authority to force litigants to appear before his court, without personal liability in case of error. The Bavli says that if the Dayan was appointed by the ראשה – Rosh Galut, the accepted leader of the Jewish community in Exile – this permission holds in the entire world. However, if appointed by the Rosh Yeshiva in Israel (i.e. Hillel’s son’s son in spirit), his authority only holds within the bounds of the Land of Israel.
The Rambam (Sanhedrin 4, 13) elaborates on the Bavli’s ruling: “The Exile heads in Babylon stand instead of the King, and they may rule over Israel in any place and pronounce judgement over them whether they wish it or not, as it says ‘The rod etc.’. And any Dayan... who was given permission by Rosh Galut may judge in the entire world...” The Rambam interprets the verse as endowing the public leader (presumably from the house of Yehuda) with authority even though there is no king, which by extension endows him with the right to appoint judges.
The Ramban (Gen. 49, 10) explains the verse as a prohibition on any person not from the house of David from assuming the throne of Israel: “from the time that Yehuda gains the throne, it will not depart from him to another tribe.” He adds that all the kings of Israel who held on to the throne after David disobeyed this directive of Yaakov. The Rambam, however, when discussing the special status of the house of David (Melachim 1 7), uses different supporting verses.

Food For Thought: May the Rosh Galut appoint an unqualified judge, thereby exempting him from personal liability?

The answer to the previous FFT will be considered separately.

I’d be delighted to discuss suggested FFT answers with readers!
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