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Numbers 27:1-7

(1) The daughters of Zelophehad, of Manassite family—son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph—came forward. The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. (2) They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the chieftains, and the whole assembly, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and they said, (3) “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not one of the faction, Korah’s faction, which banded together against the LORD, but died for his own sin; and he has left no sons. (4) Let not our father’s name be lost to his clan just because he had no son! Give us a holding among our father’s kinsmen!” (5) Moses brought their case before the LORD. (6) And the LORD said to Moses, (7) “The plea of Zelophehad’s daughters is just: you should give them a hereditary holding among their father’s kinsmen; transfer their father’s share to them.

במדבר כ"ז:א-ז

(א) וַתִּקְרְבֵנָה בָּנוֹת צִלְפָּחָד בִּן־חֲפֹר בֶּן־גִּלְעָד בֶּן־מָכִיר בִּן־מְנַשֶּׁה לְמִשְׁפַּחַת מְנַשֶּׁה בֶּן־יוֹסֵף וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בָּנוֹתָיו מַחֲלָה נָעֳמָה וְחֻגְלָה וּמִלְכָּה וְתִרְצָה: (ב) וַתַּעֲמִדְנָה לִפְנֵי מֹשֶׁה וְלִפְנֵי אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן וְלִפְנֵי הַנָּשִׂאִם וְכָל־הָעֵדָה פְּתַח אֹהֶל־מוֹעֵד לֵאמֹר: (ג) אָבִינוּ מָת בַּמִּדְבָּר וְהוּא לֹא־הָיָה בְּתוֹךְ הָעֵדָה הַנוֹעָדִים עִלָּהּ בַּעֲדַת־קָרַח כִּי־בִחֲטָאוֹ מָת וּבָנִים לֹא־הָיוּ לוֹ: (ד) לָמָּה יִגְרַע שֵׁם־אָבִינוּ מִתּוֹךְ מִשְׁפַּחָתוֹ כִּי אֵין לוֹ בֶּן תְּנֶה־לָּנוּ אַחֲזָה בְּתוֹךְ אַחֵי אָבִינוּ: (ה) וַיִּקְרַב מֹשֶׁה אֶת־מִשְׁפָּטָן לִפְנֵי ה': (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: (ז) כֵּן בָּנוֹת צִלְפָּחָד דִּבְרַתְךָ נָתַן תֵּתֵן לָהֶם אַחֲזָת נַחֲלָה בְּתוֹךְ אַחֵי אֲבֵיהֶם וְהָעֵבֶרְתָּ אֶת־נַחֲלַת אֲבֵיהֶן לָהֶן:

Ketobot 104a

It is related that **on the day that Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi died, the Sages decreed a fast, and begged for divine mercy** so that he would not die. **And they said: Anyone who says that Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi has died will be stabbed with a sword. The maidservant of Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi ascended to the roof and said: The upper realms are requesting the presence of Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi, and the lower realms are requesting the presence of Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi. May it be the will of God that the lower worlds should impose their will upon the upper worlds.** However, **when she saw how many times he would enter the bathroom and remove his phylacteries, and then exit and put them back on, and how he was suffering with his intestinal disease, she said: May it be the will of God that the upper worlds should impose their will upon the lower worlds. And the Sages, meanwhile, would not be silent, i.e., they would not refrain, from begging for mercy** so that Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi would not die. So **she took a jug [kuza] and threw it from the roof to the ground.** Due to the sudden noise, the Sages **were momentarily silent and refrained from begging for mercy, and Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi died. The Sages said to bar Kappara: Go and ascertain the condition of Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi. He went and found that Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi had died. He tore his clothing and reversed them so that the tear would be behind him and not be noticed.** When he returned to the Sages **he opened his remarks and said: The angels [erelim] and righteous mortals [metzukim] both clutched the sacred ark. The angels triumphed over the righteous, and the sacred ark was captured. They said to him: Has he died? He said to them: You have said it and I did not say it, as it had been decided that no one should say that he died.**

Brachot 51b

The Gemara relates: **Ulla happened to come to the house of Rav Nahman.**

He ate bread, recited Grace after Meals, and gave the cup of blessing to Rav Naḥman. Rav Naḥman said to him: Master, please send the cup of blessing to Yalta, my wife. Ulla responded to him: There is no need, as Rabbi Yoḥanan said as follows: The fruit of a woman's body is blessed only from the fruit of a man's body, as it is stated: "... and He will bless the fruit of your body" (Deuteronomy 7:13).... The Gemara relates that meanwhile Yalta heard Ulla's refusal to send her the cup of blessing. Yalta arose in a rage, entered the wine-storage, and broke four hundred barrels of wine. Afterward, Rav Naḥman said to Ulla: Let the Master send her another cup. Ulla sent Yalta a different cup with a message saying that all of the wine in this barrel is wine of blessing; although you did not drink from the cup of blessing itself, you may at least drink from the barrel from which the cup of blessing was poured. She sent him a stinging response: From itinerant peddlers come meaningless words, and from rags come lice.

Genesis 44:18-21

(18) Then Judah went up to him and said, "Please, my lord, let your servant appeal to my lord, and do not be impatient with your servant, you who are the equal of Pharaoh. (19) My lord asked his servants, 'Have you a father or another brother?' (20) We told my lord, 'We have an old father, and there is a child of his old age, the youngest; his full brother is dead, so that he alone is left of his mother, and his father dotes on him.' (21) Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set eyes on him.'

בראשית מ"ד:י"ח-כ"א

(יח) וַיֵּגֶשׁ אֵלָיו יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי אֲדֹנָי יִדְבָּר־נָא עִבְדְּךָ דָּבָר בְּאָזְנִי אֲדֹנָי וְאֶל־יָחִיד אֶפְךָ בְּעִבְדְּךָ כִּי כְמוֹךָ כִּפְרָעָה: (יט) אֲדֹנָי שְׁאַל אֶת־עֲבָדֶיךָ לֵאמֹר הֲיֵשׁ־לָכֶם אָב אוֹ־אֶחָ: (כ) וַנֹּאמֶר אֶל־אֲדֹנָי יֵשׁ־לָנוּ אָב זָקֵן וְיֶלֶד זָקֵן קָטָן וְאָחִיו מֵת וַיָּתֵר הוּא לְבִדּוֹ לְאִמּוֹ וְאָבִיו אֶהְיֶה: (כא) וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־עֲבָדֶיךָ הוֹרְדוּהוּ אֵלַי וְאֶשִׁימָה עֵינִי עָלָיו:

Genesis 41:37-44

(37) The plan pleased Pharaoh and all his courtiers. (38) And Pharaoh said to his courtiers, "Could we find another like him, a man in whom is the spirit of God?" (39) So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is none so discerning and wise as you. (40) You shall be in charge of my court, and by your command shall all my people be directed; only with respect to the throne shall I be superior to you." (41) Pharaoh further said to Joseph, "See, I put you in charge of all the land of Egypt." (42) And removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; and he had him dressed in robes of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. (43) He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command, and they cried before him, "Abrek!" Thus he placed him over all the land of Egypt. (44) Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh; yet without you, no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

Genesis 18:23-33

(23) Abraham came forward and said, "Will You sweep away the

בראשית מ"א:ל"ז-מ"ד

(לז) וַיִּטֵּב הַדְּבָר בְּעֵינֵי פַרְעֹה
וּבְעֵינֵי כָל-עֲבָדָיו: (לח) וַיֹּאמֶר
פַּרְעֹה אֶל-עֲבָדָיו הֲנִמְצָא כָזֶה
אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ אֱלֹקִים בּוֹ: (לט)
וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל-יֹסֵף אַחֲרֵי
הוֹדִיעַ אֱלֹקִים אוֹתְךָ אֶת-כָּל-זֹאת
אֵין-נִבּוֹן וְחָכָם כָּמוֹךָ: (מ) אַתָּה
תִּהְיֶה עַל-בֵּיתִי וְעַל-פִּיךָ יִשְׁק
כָּל-עַמִּי רַק הַכֶּסֶף אֶגְדֹּל מִמֶּךָ:
(מא) וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל-יֹסֵף רְאֵה
נָתַתִּי אֹתְךָ עַל כָּל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:
(מב) וַיֹּסֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶת-טַבַּעְתּוֹ
מֵעַל יָדוֹ וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ עַל-יַד יֹסֵף
וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ אוֹתוֹ בְּגָדֵי-שֵׁשׁ וַיַּשֶּׂם רֶבֶד
הַזָּהָב עַל-צַוְאָרוֹ: (מג) וַיַּרְכֵּב
אֹתוֹ בְּמַרְכָּבַת הַמִּשְׁנָה אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ
וַיִּקְרְאוּ לִפְנָיו אַבְרָךְ וַנִּתֵּן אוֹתוֹ עַל
כָּל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: (מד) וַיֹּאמֶר
פַּרְעֹה אֶל-יֹסֵף אֲנִי פַרְעֹה
וּבִלְעָד יֵךְ לֹא-יָרִים אִישׁ אֶת-יָדוֹ
וְאֶת-רַגְלוֹ בְּכָל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:

בראשית י"ח:כ"ג-ל"ג

(כג) וַיֵּגֶשׁ אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲאֵךְ

innocent along with the guilty? (24)
 What if there should be fifty
 innocent within the city; will You
 then wipe out the place and not
 forgive it for the sake of the
 innocent fifty who are in it? (25)
 Far be it from You to do such a
 thing, to bring death upon the
 innocent as well as the guilty, so
 that innocent and guilty fare alike.
 Far be it from You! Shall not the
 Judge of all the earth deal justly?"
 (26) And the LORD answered, "If I
 find within the city of Sodom fifty
 innocent ones, I will forgive the
 whole place for their sake." (27)
 Abraham spoke up, saying, "Here I
 venture to speak to my Lord, I who
 am but dust and ashes: (28) What if
 the fifty innocent should lack five?
 Will You destroy the whole city for
 want of the five?" And He
 answered, "I will not destroy if I
 find forty-five there." (29) But he
 spoke to Him again, and said,
 "What if forty should be found
 there?" And He answered, "I will
 not do it, for the sake of the forty."
 (30) And he said, "Let not my Lord
 be angry if I go on: What if thirty
 should be found there?" And He
 answered, "I will not do it if I find
 thirty there." (31) And he said, "I
 venture again to speak to my Lord:
 What if twenty should be found
 there?" And He answered, "I will

תִּסְפֹּה צְדִיק עִם־רָשָׁע: (כד) אוֹלִי
 יֵשׁ חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר
 הָאֵף תִּסְפֹּה וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא לַמָּקוֹם
 לְמַעַן חֲמִשִּׁים הַצְדִּיקִים אֲשֶׁר
 בְּקִרְבָּהּ: (כה) חָלְלָה לְךָ מַעֲשֵׂת אֶל
 כְּדַבֵּר הַזֶּה לְהַמִּית צְדִיק
 עִם־רָשָׁע וְהָיָה כְּצְדִיק כְּרָשָׁע
 חָלְלָה לְךָ הַשִּׁפְט כָּל־הָאָרֶץ לֹא
 יַעֲשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט: (כו) וַיֹּאמֶר ה'
 אִם־אֶמְצָא בְּסֹדֶם חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים
 בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר וְנִשְׂאתִי לְכָל־הַמָּקוֹם
 בְּעִבּוּרָם: (כז) וַיַּעַן אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר
 הִנֵּה־נָא הוֹאֵלְתִּי לְדַבֵּר
 אֶל־אֲדוּשָׁם וְאַנְכִי עֹפֵר וְאֶפֶר:
 (כח) אוֹלִי יַחֲסֹרֹן חֲמִשִּׁים
 הַצְדִּיקִים חֲמִשָּׁה הַתְּשֻׁחִית
 בַּחֲמִשָּׁה אֶת־כָּל־הָעִיר וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא
 אֲשַׁחִית אִם־אֶמְצָא שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים
 וְחֲמִשָּׁה: (כט) וַיֹּסֶף עוֹד לְדַבֵּר
 אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אוֹלִי יִמָּצְאוּ שָׁם
 אַרְבָּעִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה בְּעִבּוּר
 הָאַרְבָּעִים: (ל) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־נָא יַחֲרֹ
 לְאֲדוּשָׁם וְאַדְבָּרָה אוֹלִי יִמָּצְאוּ
 שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה
 אִם־אֶמְצָא שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים: (לא)
 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה־נָא הוֹאֵלְתִּי לְדַבֵּר
 אֶל־אֲדוּשָׁם אוֹלִי יִמָּצְאוּ שָׁם
 עֶשְׂרִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁחִית בְּעִבּוּר
 הָעֶשְׂרִים: (לב) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־נָא יַחֲרֹ

not destroy, for the sake of the twenty.” (32) And he said, “Let not my Lord be angry if I speak but this last time: What if ten should be found there?” And He answered, “I will not destroy, for the sake of the ten.” (33) When the LORD had finished speaking to Abraham, He departed; and Abraham returned to his place.

Esther 4:12-17

(12) When Mordecai was told what Esther had said, (13) Mordecai had this message delivered to Esther: “Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king’s palace. (14) On the contrary, if you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another quarter, while you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis.” (15) Then Esther sent back this answer to Mordecai: (16) “Go, assemble all the Jews who live in Shushan, and fast in my behalf; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens will observe the same fast. Then I shall go to the king, though it is contrary to the law; and if I am to perish, I shall

לֹא־דוֹשֵׁם וְאֶדְבָּרָה אֶךְ־הַפֶּעַם אִילִי
יִמָּצְאוּן שָׁם עֲשָׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא
אֲשַׁחֲת בַּעֲבוּר הָעֲשָׂרָה: (לג)
וַיֵּלֶךְ ה' כֹּאֲשֶׁר כָּלָה לְדַבֵּר
אֶל־אַבְרָהָם וְאַבְרָהָם שָׁב לְמִקְוֵהוּ:

אסתר ד': י"ב-י"ז

(יב) וַיִּגִּדּוּ לְמֹרְדֵכַי אֶת דְּבָרֵי
אֶסְתֵּר: (פ) (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹרְדֵכַי
לְהָשִׁיב אֶל־אֶסְתֵּר אֶל־תִּדְמִי
בְּנִפְשֶׁךָ לְהַמְלִיט בֵּית־הַמֶּלֶךְ
מִכָּל־הַיְּהוּדִים: (יד) כִּי אִם־הִחָרַשׁ
תַּחֲרִישִׁי בָּעֵת הַזֹּאת רוּחַ וְהִצָּלָה
יַעֲמֹד לַיְּהוּדִים מִמָּקוֹם אֲחֵר וְאֶת
וּבֵית־אָבִיךָ תֵּאבְדוּ וּמִי יוֹדֵעַ
אִם־לָעֵת כְּזֹאת הִגַּעַת לַמַּלְכוּת:
(טו) וַתֹּאמֶר אֶסְתֵּר לְהָשִׁיב
אֶל־מֹרְדֵכַי: (טז) לֵךְ כְּנוֹס
אֶת־כָּל־הַיְּהוּדִים הַנִּמְצָאִים
בְּשׁוּשָׁן וְצוּמוּ עָלַי וְאֶל־תֹּאכְלוּ
וְאֶל־תִּשְׁתּוּ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים לַיְלָה
וַיּוֹם גַּם־אֲנִי וְנַעֲרֹתַי אֲצוּם כֵּן וּבְכֵן
אָבוֹא אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־כֻדַּת
וְכֹאֲשֶׁר אֲבִדְתִּי אֲבִדְתִּי: (יז) וַיַּעֲבֹר
מֹרְדֵכַי וַיַּעַשׂ כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־צִוְּתָהּ עָלָיו

perish!” (17) So Mordecai went about [the city] and did just as Esther had commanded him.

אֶסְתֵּר: (ו)

Exodus 1:15-22

(15) The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, (16) saying, “When you deliver the Hebrew women, look at the birthstool: if it is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.” (17) The midwives, fearing God, did not do as the king of Egypt had told them; they let the boys live. (18) So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, letting the boys live?” (19) The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women: they are vigorous. Before the midwife can come to them, they have given birth.” (20) And God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and increased greatly. (21) And because the midwives feared God, He established households for them. (22) Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, “Every boy that is born you shall throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

שמות א':ט"ו-כ"ב

(טו) וַיֹּאמֶר מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם לַמִּילֵדֹת
הָעִבְרִית אֲשֶׁר שֵׁם הָאֶחָת שִׁפְרָה
וְשֵׁם הַשֵּׁנִית פּוּעָה: (טז) וַיֹּאמֶר
בְּיֹלְדָכֶן אֶת־הָעִבְרִיּוֹת וּרְאִיתֶן
עַל־הָאֲבָנִים אִם־בֵּן הוּא וְהַמַּתָּ
אֹתוֹ וְאִם־בַּת הִיא וְחִיָּה: (יז)
וַתִּירָאן הַמִּילֵדֹת אֶת־הָאֱלֹקִים וְלֹא
עָשׂוּ כְאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֲלֵיהֶן מֶלֶךְ
מִצְרַיִם וַתַּחֲיִין אֶת־הַיִּלְדִּים: (יח)
וַיִּקְרָא מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרַיִם לַמִּילֵדֹת
וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶן מַדּוּעַ עֲשִׂיתֶן הַדָּבָר
הַזֶּה וַתַּחֲיִין אֶת־הַיִּלְדִּים: (יט)
וַתֹּאמְרֶן הַמִּילֵדֹת אֶל־פַּרְעֹה כִּי
לֹא כַנָּשִׁים הַמִּצְרִית הָעִבְרִית
כִּי־חַיּוֹת הִנֵּה בְטָרָם תִּבְּאוּ אֲלֵהֶן
הַמִּילֵדֹת וַיִּלְדוּ: (כ) וַיֵּטֶב אֱלֹקִים
לַמִּילֵדֹת וַיִּרְבֶּה הָעָם וַיַּעֲצֻמוּ מְאֹד:
(כא) וַיְהִי כִי־יִרְאוּ הַמִּילֵדֹת
אֶת־הָאֱלֹקִים וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם בָּתִּים:
(כב) וַיֵּצֵא פַרְעֹה לְכָל־עַמּוֹ לֵאמֹר
כָּל־הַבֶּן הַיֵּלֹד הַיֹּאֲרָה תִשְׁלִיכֶהוּ
וְכָל־הַבַּת תַּחֲיִין: (כג)

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