

# פרשת וישב Table Talk



מִזְוֹת זָהָר יְמִינֵי בַּיֶּד־לְשׁוֹן ... מִשְׁלֵי יְהִי כְּאֶת

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..."

בראשית ל"ז:ד' Genesis 37:4

(7) וַיַּרְא אֶחָיו קִידְאֹתָו אֲהַב אֲבִיכֶם מִקְלָאָתָיו  
גַּיְשָׁנָאו אֶתְוָו וְלֹא יִכְלְוָו דָבָרו לְשָׁלָם:

(4) And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him.

רד"ק ל"ז:ד'א' Radak

וְלֹא יִכְלְוָו דָבָרו לְשָׁלָם, לְדַבֵּר עָמוֹ בְּדָבְרֵי  
שָׁלָם אֶלָּא בְּדָבְרֵי מְרִיבָה:

וְלֹא יִכְלְוָו דָבָרו לְשָׁלָם, any conversation with Joseph did not revolve around peacefully discussed matters of common interest, but concerned only matters of dispute between them.

*The words that we choose to speak, shape our relationships.*

## Let's Talk!

How do our conversations with people shape our relationships with them?

What things did Yosef say to his brothers that made them hate him?

How does discussing common interests with people help us build relationships?