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Table Talk Parshat Vayeshev

בראשית ל"ז:ג'-ה'

וַיַּחֲנֹן יְהוָה בְּלֹבֶד אֶת־יְהוָה מִכֶּל־בָּגְדָא קִידְׁבָּנְזִקְנִים
הָאָלוֹ וְעַשְׂתָּה לְזָהָרָת פְּסִים: וַיַּרְא אֶחָיו כִּי־
אָתָה אֶחָב אֶבֶן־קְרָב מִכֶּל־אֶחָיו וַיַּשְׁנָא אֶתְךָ וְלֹא
יָכֹלָה דָּבָר לְשָׁלָם: וַיַּחֲלֹם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם וַיֹּגֶד לְאֶחָיו^{וַיַּגְּדֵל יוֹסֵף עַד שָׁנָא אֶתְךָ:}

Genesis 37:3-5

Now Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him an ornamented tunic. 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. Once Joseph had a dream which he told to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

ר"ק על בראשית ל"ז:ד'א'

ולא יכול דברו לשולם, לדבר עמו בדברי
שלום אלא בדברי מריבה:

Radak on Genesis 37:4:1

ולא יכול דברו לשולם, any conversation with Joseph did not revolve around peacefully discussed matters of common interest, but concerned only matters of dispute between them.

"But with dramatic speed, that love and that gift (of being the favorite) turn out to be Joseph's undoing. His brothers began hating him. When he told them his dream, they hated him even more. His second dream offended even his father. Later, when he went to see his brothers tending their flocks, they first plotted to kill him, and eventually sold him as a slave."

-The Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Let's Talk!

What did Yosef talk about that led to friction with his brothers?

What things do you have in common with your siblings?

How does talking about commonalities help people get along?

What is a productive way to disagree with another person?

What could you do if you get into a pattern of fighting with your siblings or friends?



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