
WHO SAID?

PLEASE HELP ME

Who said?

“

כי אם זכרתני אתך כאשר ייטב
לך ועשית נא עמדי חסד

Remember me when
he will do good to you,
and please do kindness
for me.”

and to whom did he say
it?

Answer

Yosef to the Sar Ha'Mashkim

Vayeishev 40:14

More for Musing

In his classic work Shaarei Teshuva (3:13), Rabbeinu Yonah counts the obligation to perform chesed as one of the most serious, fundamental obligations of the Jew. Performing chesed, elaborates Rabbeinu Yonah, amounts to no less than an obligation to “exert oneself towards seeking out the welfare of one’s fellow Jews, and to be mentally and emotionally invested in assiduously caring for others’ well-being”.



WHO SAID?

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Who said?

“

השומר אחי אנכי

Am I my brother's
keeper?”

and to whom did he say
it?

Kayin to Hashem

Breishis 4:9

Did you know

*Kayin is indirectly responsible for a chapter of Tehillim that we use to usher in Shabbos. The Midrash (Breishis Rabbah 22:13) says that when Adam met up with Kayin following the latter's hearing with Hashem, Adam asked Kayin what judgement he was given. Kayin responded, "I repented and gained a compromise." Adam Ha'Rishon started clapping his hand to his face (in astonishment). He said, "Such is the power of teshuvah and I was unaware!" Immediately, Adam stood up and said, "Mizmor shir l'yom ha'Shabbos".**

*For an elaboration on this Midrash, see page 77 of Reflections on the Parsha by this author.



WHO SAID?

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Who said?

“

לא יעשה כן במקומונו
לתהצעירה לפני הבכירה

In our locale it is not
done to marry off the
younger one before the
older one?”

and to whom did he say
it?

Answer

Lavan to Yaakov

Parshas Vayeitzei 29:26

More for Musing

Rav Tzadok Ha'kohein Mi'Lublin, in his sefer Pri Tzaddik, says that Korach's statement will come to fruition lasid lavo in Olam Ha'Ba. It is brought in the name of the Arizal that the words Tzaddik ka'tamar yifrach are hinting at Korach. The last letter of each of those three words (kuf from tzaddik, reish from ka'tamar, and ches from yifrach) spell the word, Korach (see Pnei Dovid on Parshas Korach, written by the Chida).