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See The Light

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Once, two witnesses came to a Jewish court and reported that they had seen the rabbi drinking coffee and eating cake on Yom Kippur. The court was shocked; its judges decided to investigate immediately.

As it turned out, a woman in the community had given birth right before Yom Kippur. She was told to eat and drink on Yom Kippur, as the halacha requires. But she refused to do so unless the rabbi himself gave her the food.

These witnesses passed by the window just as the rabbi was preparing to bring her the food. They jumped to a hasty conclusion, assuming that the rabbi was about to enjoy a light snack on Yom Kippur.

Sometimes, if we were only aware of just one piece of information, certain events might make a lot more sense to us.

In this week's Parsha, the Torah tells us, "So they hated him; and they could not speak to him peaceably" (37:4).

Rabbi Yonoson Eibeshutz, a great 18th century Torah leader who lived in Prague, comments that it is possible that if the brothers would have spoken to Yosef, they might have seen things differently and understood where he was coming from. The problem was that they were not talking to each other. They could have been missing that one piece of information that would shed light on the entire situation.

There is much we can learn from this. No matter how angry we are with someone, we must always talk over the problem with him. Who knows? Things might make a lot more sense – with just one more piece of information.

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Rabbi Dovid Gertz



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Avi Mehler represents 175 people who joined to complete the entire Talmud together at the Community Siyum Hashas, Nov 28th.