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**P3 – Parsha Points to Ponder**

Chapter 37, Pessukim 1-4

Rashi comments that Yaakov wanted some “peace and quiet” in his life, so HaKadosh Baruch Hu Shem imposed upon him the troubles of Yosef.

*Why was Yaakov’s wish deserving of such a harsh response?*

Yosef is described as a shepherd. So many Tzaddikim over the years have had this livelihood (Hevel, Avrohom, Yaakov, the sons of Yaakov, Moshe, Dovid – and maybe some others too). The fact that the Torah gives us this detail means it is relevant and important.

*Why does such work lend itself to a life of righteousness?*

*See Kli Yokor Shemos (3:1 s.v. uMoshe)*

Yosef brought ‘bad reports’ about his brothers to his father.

*What were the reports?*

*What about the issurim of speaking Leshon HaRa?*

Yaakov showed favouritism to Yosef over his other sons.

*Isn’t this a recipe for familial disaster?*

Yaakov gave Yosef a ‘Kesoness Passim’.

*What exactly was it?*

The brothers hated Yosef.

*What about the issur of ‘hating your brother’ (Vayikra 19:17)?*