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א)

Giving advice

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| **מא:כה "**וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל פַּרְעֹה חֲלוֹם פַּרְעֹה אֶחָד הוּא אֵת אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים  עֹשֶׂה הִגִּיד לְפַרְעֹה:  **מא:לג** וְעַתָּה יֵרֶא פַרְעֹה אִישׁ נָבוֹן וְחָכָם  וִישִׁיתֵהוּ עַל אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:" | **41:25 “**And Yosef said to Paraoh, Paraoh's dream is one; what God is doing He has told Pharaoh.  **41:33** So now, let Paraoh seek out an  understanding and wise man and  appoint him over the land of Egypt.” |  |

Nachalas Tzvi 102:

Why is Yosef giving advice when all he was asked to do was interpret the dream?

Additionally, why does it say you need to set a leader right away? He answers based on the writings of Rav Chaim Vital on the Gemara in Berachos 55 that says three things Hashem Himself announces: if a famine is coming, if years of plenty are coming, or if a good proper leader is coming to lead the congregation.

Based on this, **Yosef understood they needed to appoint a leader immediately because he realized the first two signs of famine and years of plenty had already transpired.** Yosef expressed that now you need to do the third which is appointing the leader right away. **This also answers why Yosef was giving advice. Really this wasn't advice at all but rather part of the interpretation of the dream itself!!**

**[We can learn from this don't always give advice unless it's asked for.]**

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Maximizing our time

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| **מג:י "**כִּי לוּלֵא הִתְמַהְמָהְנוּ כִּי עַתָּה שַׁבְנוּ זֶה פַעֲמָיִם:" | **43:10 “**For had we not delayed, we would have already returned twice by now.” |  |

43:10:

Aleinu L’shabayach by Rav Zilberstein pages 493-494, **These pesukim clearly indicate the unconstructiveness of delaying. Any Ben Torah should strive to maximize his time. More time means more time to learn.** What is the proper way to maximize our time?

He gives a mashal he heard from a manager of a business. (Mishna in Avos perik four says wise person learns from everyone) He wanted to show the workers how to maximize their time and he gave them a demonstration. He took a chest and filled it with rocks and he asked if they thought the box was full. They said yes it’s full! But then he took smaller rocks, similar to gravel and added it in the box. Then he asked is it full now? They said for sure it's full! Then the manager took sand and poured it in. The sand continued to fill the box through the cracks. The employees said for sure it's full now! However the manager then took water and poured it in!! The manager then explained **after you think the job is complete; still there is always more to do!** (The name Yosef means to add. We must always be increasing and adding. ABC is an acronym for all ways be cleaning.) **We can find more ways to learn and more time for learning! There is always more to learn and do!**

He brings a story with Rav Yechezkel Abromsky. When Rav Zilberstein was learning in Slobodka, Rav Abromsky saw two individuals talking in learning as they were about to start seder. He said you shouldn't do this, **the beginning of seder you need to learn, learn and learn. After you learn a substantial amount you can talk in learning.** The explanation is we need to maximize and utilize our potential learning time.

Thank you Yair Moshe Ausabel for typing this up.