

To Forgive Is Human

עֲבֵרוֹת שְׁבִין אָדָם לְמָקוֹם - יוֹם הַכַּפּוּרִים מְכַפֵּר. עֲבֵרוֹת שְׁבִין אָדָם לְחֵבֵרוֹ - אֵין יוֹם הַכַּפּוּרִים מְכַפֵּר.

For all transgressions between a person and God—the day of Yom Kippur brings atonement. However, for all transgressions between one person and another—Yom Kippur does not bring atonement.

Mishnah Yoma 8:9

רַבִּי יִרְמְיָה הָוָה לִיה מִיִּלְתָּא לְרַבִּי אַבָּא, בְּהֵדִיָּה אֶזֶל אִיתִיב אֲדָשָׁא דְרַבִּי אַבָּא. בְּהֵדִי דְשִׁדְיָא אֲמַתִּיָּה מִיָּא מְטָא זְרִזִּיפִי דְמִיָּא אֲרִישָׁא. אָמַר: עֲשָׂאוֹנִי כְּאַשְׁפָּה, קָרָא אֲנַפְשִׁיָּה: "מֵאַשְׁפוֹת יָרִים אָבִיוֹן" (תהלים קיג:ז). שָׁמַע רַבִּי אַבָּא וְנָפִיק לְאַפִּיָּה, אָמַר לִיה: הַשְׁתָּא צְרִיכְנָא לְמִיפִיק אֲדַעְתָּךְ, דְּכַתִּיב: "לֵךְ הַתְרַפֵּס וְרַהֵב רַעֲיֶךָ" (משלי ו:ג).

Rabbi Abba was once offended by Rabbi Jeremiah. Rabbi Jeremiah went to Rabbi Abba's house to apologize, but he could not bring himself to knock on the door. He sat down on the threshold. Just then the maid threw some dirty water out of the window and some of it splashed onto Rabbi Jeremiah's head. Rabbi Jeremiah yelled: I came to apologize and they've made a trash dump out of me!? Angrily, he shouted: Just remember! *He raises the poor out of the dust, the wretched from the trash dump* (Psalm 113:7). Rabbi Abba heard and came out. When he saw the splattered Rabbi Jeremiah, he said begrudgingly: Now I suppose I have to apologize to you since Solomon has said: Go, grovel and badger your neighbor 'til he releases you (Proverbs 6:3).

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