

Lot the sexaholic I am like him- Improved Version

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I am trying to make a perfect article- then again, perfectionism is one of three things which bring Lot's downfall. Besides trying to be perfect by saving Sodom from their immorality he demands Avraham his role model be perfect. This one is a toughie. He can't break out of the mold his father creates. He is his father's son til the end. He can't swallow that he is just Lot-not Yitzchak -just Lot Not all of us excel NOT all of us are supposed to. That is also ok

The result was that he had incest with daughters (who were Tdikanios)

Well if anyone had a great deal thrust upon him in his young life it was Lot! : A ruthless grandfather named Terach who would just as soon have his father named Haran, and uncle Avraham killed by being burned by ruthless king Nimrod ;

The world hated his family and the monotheism it stood by .. More than that -his father Haran lacked a sense of sureness and confidence in his decision making. Lot had to deal with all that

He never finds the father figure. We all must find father figures -or as close to it as we can -or is available to us. Here was the threat of being burned to death. Avraham will make a kiddush Hashem. Haran's response ?.....

"If Avraham survives the fires of Kasdim THEN and only then am I with him"

He has no sense of security in his life and that perhaps is the impetus in his acting out later

He finds something he never got though in going to Israel LECH LECHA MEARTZECHA A larger than life role model ; a man who was inspired and inspiring An ohev habriyos umekarvan laTorah

Avraham Avienu

What happens though when he sees that new father figure lack bitachon and ponder- then actually give in to the impending starvation threat -and go down to Egypt? .

The relationship turns sour.

DISASTER!

Lot now wants nothing more to do with Avraham - It seems that fear was something Lot had no patience with. Lot wanted the perfect rebbe role model (perhaps this is pshat)

So no "good-byes" to Avraham Aveinu (though his shepherds did say goodbye) No 'thank you for saving me from the four kings' at a later time

Lot feels he is the heir apparent to Avraham. Indicative of his name in gematria he reaches forty five only not forty nine or fifty which symbolize completeness.

He resents that he is not considered the heir and lets his shepherds graze. (Why can't we all just accept who we are. Maybe less of us would act out !??)

The medrash states that Avraham is at fault for not loving and reaching out to Lot enough

Lot must accept a loving uncle He doesn't get a true replacement loving father

This is life.

And there is something worse

He holds on to ambivalence -like his father, Lot never rises above Haran Lot never "breaks the cord"

"Take my daughters!" he later says to the Anshe Sedom ;he celebrates Pesach

Rav Hirsch speaks of how he feels bad when his city gets wiped out

I don't want to leave Sodom and am only willing to go to Tzoar" he says to the malachim

He needs to rise to the occasion Unlike his father at the Kivshan haish.

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Then Lot rebels gets absorbed in a guilt fest for the city he tried to reach out to ,leaves it all and becomes a sexaholic

Morals

Guilt is a boa constrictor

So is perfectionism

IN oneself

IN others

Self love and accpetance at any cost is a fun garden snake

Find your higher Power sponser One that truly cares and follow him or her ...TO THE TIE

Knowing that you are not your parents is helpful

There seems to be a great deal of need to excell as a Jewish person in the beginning of the 21st century AND AT ALL COSTS !!

Multi multi or great "learning boy" and both !!And some seem to settle for sexaholic....

And finally if all else Lot is a "Perplexing Hero"

WE ARE ALL HEROES

a perplexing hero so says the Artscroll

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