

Parenthesis

Posted by Trouble - 10 Oct 2019 14:24

so, I said the parenthesis in zakkah yesterday - several times. the first time, before yk actually started, I was a bit distracted and I skipped over it. heck, I never actually "did it." I mean, it was there for the taking, but for some reason I held back. I even told her about those damned parenthesis! she understood. but then once yk got rolling, and I had the opportunity to say it several more times, I actually said those words. I told God and myself that it really made little difference. yes, the frummies and the midrash quoters will spew that stuff about actual cohabitation with an idolatress, a gentile woman! and even one who is not your actual partner. I am actually reminded now that she was in fact Jewish, a bas mitzvah, and all. got called to the Torah, wow! but I reasoned that this justification crap was going too far. you think my wife would go for the technicality that there wasn't penetration!? bottom line, I was too close for comfort, I mean it was comfortable and more, but it's not a position I wanna be found in. I certainly don't wanna be caught that way, but besides that, I'd rather not even entertain that possibility, although I actually found those thoughts slipping in several times throughout the day. am I being clear? I hope so.

I'd like to make a second half post to this and that will be about the zakkah in general. why all the women, Keri, etc. talk? but I'm running outta time now. sorry for the non-capitalization. my notes app doesn't do that for some reason.

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In terms of making stuff up, we all do it. We all have our knowledge we have accumulated over the years and that is coloured by our own realities. I try not to, but I'm sure I'm guilty. Especially on this website, were we are all (nice big assumption there) trying to hide out true identities. So if I said I am a socioliogy graduate from Harvard, that would give me speaking rights, but I cant say that (I'm not by the way). Anyway, kach mekublani from my history books and my rebbeim.

Back to the sugya. Of course internet has made it worse, but that doesn't mean (as trouble says) it wasn't a major issue in the past.

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i misunderstood you. i thought when you were saying that its not the internet its us, you were going to an extreme. (as well as saying that theres no need for filters)

point taken. ditto for the other 4 points though

p.s. i think enough has been said for the readers to make their own conclusions. this was fun, but time to bounce!

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Just for fun, I'm going to focus on point 4 as it interests me. We are talking at cross purposes (though I made it worse by quoting the R. Miller book). Your grandmother presumably didn't live more than 100 years ago, so her views are rather limited.

Also, I would take issue with the entire idea. History is most definitely not the reserve of individuals that happen to experience it. History has broad sweeping ideas and those are looked at by historians (you can add history major to my English and sociology). One person's life story who perhaps was the daughter of a rabbi or even just a sweet innocent person, does not tell us anything about the broader society.

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Re: Parenthesis

Posted by higher - 23 Oct 2019 17:04

i hear that.

obviously it depends alot on the "historian" and his credentials.

it also depends alot on the individual and his (or her) credentials.

kinda hard to display anything on this forum.

personally i thought i got enough to make my conclusion in terms of the general character and the ghetto like protection. (this rav avigdor miller is def. mayrech on, but i dont have it on hand)

but your point is taken.

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i agree to the above letters in bold, and the things in krias HaTorah by mincha PROVES that those things are rampant as well(jk)

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1.if our history spans the long history of about 200 years when this tefila was suggested to be said in the sefer chayey adam, maybe you have a point but i think we were around longer than that.

2.ehhh, i think other things are mentioned in that tefila , like forgiving others and hoping others will forgive us because in bein adam lachaveiro, Yom Kipur is not mechaper, which could be why that tefila was suggested to be said and not for the gye reasons so much.(also the Tefila includes accepting upon ones self the 5 inuyim which we should add and accept before its actually Yom Kipur)

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2 points, 1. Rabbi Millers Book /Sefer, is based on the deterioration of the Jewish People since Mendelsohns days, (and before the holocaust, I dont know if masterbation was an issue, but 50 percent of german jewery were intermarried and there is a statement that 50 percent stopped circumcision, dont know if it was the same 50 percent) but before that in general the Jewish people were a Holy People and if you did have a few people before then who were nichshol in arayos, its not a contradiction to the Holy status of the Am Hashem,. The Rambam, somewhere writes that in every generation , (i think in isurei biah) youll find someone who was nichshol in arayos. 2. Another point is that if you want to say in the last 200 years there was an issue of masterbation , dont forget that a holocaust came soon after, and we shouldnt feel safe from such a thing from happening again, and we dont need kkk or nazis, there is a rasha in iran and north korea who have a red button and an itchy trigger finger.

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