

It's all their fault (and that's the truth!)

Posted by Trouble - 23 Mar 2017 20:22

So, I was driving, and yes it was a few miles past the speed limit as I was skimming the ash out of my Amaretto pipe, but who does the city think it is to make the limit 25 mph? There are no children running out between the cars, at least, there weren't any when I was driving. And while it is also true that I was looking at the sidewalk on the other side, as there was a cute bais Yaakov (or what looked like one, and why do they need to make their uniforms so similar?) girl walking with bobby socks, you heard me! Bobby socks! Where are the Rabbanim? What are the principals and teachers doing? Can't they see what these girls are causing the boys and the men in this city? It's not like we are in some darfshtatt in Texas! This is holy-ducking BoroPark! They should know better and they don't! I am not even discussing the length of her skirt. My goodness gracious! Don't they check the sizes before they release the uniform skirt! Appalling! So, anyway, yes, I was looking out of the corner of me eye; ok, I'll be honest (you hear that? I'm actually admitting here, so don't go off on me), it was more than the corner, but who can blame me? I'm a guy and I'm normal and I exercise; I'm good looking and attractive, and these girls are dressed to kill (their teachers and parents will burn in Hell for this)! And then, it happened! The guy/gal in front of me driving the fancy delancey Lexus, just stopped. The gall! I hate these people who think they can press the brake whenever they ducking please. Brakes should be used at the end of the blocks, and then, only if there is a light, or if there is a blind man crossing with an elderly woman. So, back to the story (I do not understand why you keep interrupting me): "It" braked all of a sudden, and I needed to slam on my brakes (while I was still thinking of you know what, and you know whose fault that was), and my car swerved (which is another thing; why can't they make cars like they used to that stop when you press or tap on the brakes; now, they skid to the side, jerk and then stop; idiots!), and it was then that I heard the screeching, scratching sound. I wasn't sure what it was, but it did seem that it was coming from the truck which was parked illegally to my right; yes, can you believe it? Illegally! He had at least four inches between his wheels and the curb! What's up with that? All they do is drive and yet they can't park like a normal human being. Somebody on the side started waving his hands in the air, motioning for me to stop, but there was no way I was gonna listen to a Salem menthol smoking grunt of a guy. If it was his truck, then it's just his fault, and I will clear that with a couple of my Rabbeim shortly, and if it wasn't his truck, who does he think he is to smoke in public, and menthol to make it worse. I needed anyways to chase down that short-stopping-Lexus-driving son of a bitch who caused that scratching sound! As fate would have it (and fate always screws with me, except when it's hashgachah pratis that I should be tested based on the high level that I'm on), the Lexus made the light (if you can call it that, for the yellow was already turning red, and it was clear to anyone that he ran it), but I missed it. Two yeshivah boys were smirking at me, holding up a dangled side mirror with several wires coming out of it. It was then that I lost it! And who could blame me? I jammed the gear into park and ran out of the car, yelling at those two boys (who anyways should be in seder now; what's up with that? Is there no learning anymore in Yeshivah? This would never have happened if I was appointed the First year Beis Medrash Rebbe, like it was so deserving, and instead, they appointed that so-called masmid, halachah expert, who just happened to be the nephew of the Rosh Yeshivah! Sick nepotism is what I say, and look at the catastrophic results!) to wipe their smile off their faces. I screamed, "why the Hell did you pull my mirror off my car?" They looked at me with that glum

look, as if I was nuts. This really ticked me off. They said, "Excuse us mister, but your mirror came off when you sideswiped that truck." It was then that I realized, and thank God that I am 61 days clean (of any unclean thoughts involving various genders in various places at various times without first doing fifteen pushups and reciting tehillim chapter 09 backwards), for it was only due to my sobriety streak that I was able to realize that it was all a slap on the wrist for me looking at the uniformed girl (and a friendly reminder that I should probably get a filter, stop watching movies (mostly r rated), not shake any business associate, acquaintance, acquaintance's friend, etc hand, shoulder – and of course if they bump into me or get within my daled amos, I cannot be faulted), and I should keep my eyes, hands and feet on the road, which reminds me: Where is that crazy Lexus driver?

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I will sit next to him. People like that usually look away from themselves to lay blame. The closer you are sitting to them the safer you are. (unless he falls off his chair)

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For sure. But sometimes it is helpful to vent and complain as long as you know that the bottom line is that the real work starts with you. You're right that even that can be unhelpful, but sometimes being allowed to kvetch A little is helpful. Blaming on the other hand is not at all

helpful

This, I like.

So, how can i kvetch without blaming?

Like the guy with the cement truck driving over his tulips; his neighbor was clearly to blame.

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when one kvetches, is it really true that deep down he his not blaming? can one really kvetch with no resentment involved?

No of course not. But I don't think one has to. If one is willing to take responsibility they'll be fine, for sure at least to start.

Take responsibility?

For someone else's mistake?

Why?

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If someone is in the habit of blaming other people it would make sense that he would avoid people convincing others that they are happy. Because how can you be happy if you have no one to blame for being happy.

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I think that unless you take 100 percent responsibility you are bound do have a difficult life. who
is at fault is really irrelevant. what was, was. the only issue that you should be thinking is what is
the proper thing to do from now on.

like stephen covey says, being responsible is really being response able. we are able to choose
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what I meant was it really doesn't matter who is to blame and getting bent out of shape does not
help either so what should one do? What I do is try to see it from the others perspective or think
up a reason why they would do this that is not negative.

Whether it is true or not (the reason I come up with) many a time the frustration dissipates and
at least i feel better whether or not I can calmly discuss it with the other party.

I know this is a hard thing to do and it took me years to get to where I am holding and I am no
where close to being good at it (see my thread in sig.) but this works for me maybe it can work
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There goes Judaism again!

Always that proverbial gezeiras hakasuv.

You can't see it, but it's there.

It's not logical, but it's a fact.

We don't understand reason, but it's true.

How then can we ever know true blame? And don't tell me I'm right, for then I will be out of business.

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