

Vayeira: Midat Sdom, Rav Levi Yitzchak

- Rav Levi Yitzchok's reply to his congregation when they sought to limit tzedaka only to local poor. Submitted by Nisson Shulman

AND GOD SAID TO AVRAHAM, THE OUTRAGE OF
SODOM AND GEMORAH IS GREAT, AND THEIR
SIN IS VERY GRIEVOUS.

Sins to others... Rav Levi Yitzchok, wanted to be called t the meetings only when new regulations were to be enacted. Once it was suggested that public funds be made available for the local poor only, but not for the poor of other cities. They called Rav Levi, and he got angry, saying why did you invite me? This is an old regulation!~ But we don't have it on the books? Not on your books, but it is a very old regulation, dating back to Sodom, whose people also tried to prevent others from giving charity to any except their own...

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