

## Rabbi's Column

Vayigash Yehudah - so Judah approached. He approached, only partially because doing so would benefit himself. He approached, during the moments when it seemed that his youngest sibling was in danger of permanent slavery - and when he had earlier argued that permanent slavery was not all that bad. He approached, to ask of a person with power that the power be exercised in a kindly manner, so that the elderly father (who was not present) would not be harmed.

Over thousands of years, during those brief moments when portions of the world would cease our oppression, (and sometimes even when we were oppressed) we have copied Judah's actions and extended them. We call the world's attention to other attempted genocides, asking that power be used in a kindly manner. We partner with others who are oppressed in varying manners in their fight to be treated fairly, without hatred or disgust being the primary emotion exhibited during many interactions. We yearn for the day when we will understand where the other is coming from, and when all will treat each other in an appropriate manner.

May the world, and all of us, treat each other fairly and with kindness.