

Mishpatim 5785

Rashi on Exodus 23:1

THOU SHALT NOT HEAR A FALSE REPORT — Take it as the Targum renders it: thou shalt not accept (listen to) a false report. This is a prohibition addressed to one who is about to accept a slanderous statement, and it is addressed also to a judge — that he should not hear the pleadings of one party to a suit before the other appears (Mekhilta; Sanhedrin 7b).

SET NOT THINE HAND WITH THE WICKED — with him who makes a false claim against his fellow-man: that you promise him to give evidence for him that will result in wrong being done (להיות עד חמס).

Pirke Avot 1:18

Rabban Shimon ben Gamaliel used to say: on three things does the world stand: On justice, on truth and on peace, as it is said: “execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates” (Zechariah 8:16).

Shulchan Aruch, Even HaEzer 65:1

There is a commandment to delight a groom and bride and dance before them and tell them they are beautiful and kind. Even if they aren't pretty. Rem"a: We see rabbi Yehuda the son of Illay was dancing before the bride and nullifying the words of the Torah to enter the bride to the canopy.

Rashi on Genesis 50:16

THY FATHER DID COMMAND — They altered the facts (they stated something that was false) for the sake of peace, for Jacob had given them no such command because Joseph was not suspect in his sight