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R Israel's essential greatness manifested itself especially in his human relations. His entire attention was concentrated upon how to afford gratification to others, to do good to them and to avoid offending their dignity or damaging their property, not to cause them sorrow or inconvenience.

"His whole manner of procedure and conduct in that section of the Torah which deals with human relations reached the very peak of care and energetic effort. He was most remarkably wise both in avoiding evil and in doing good. He would weigh all his actions in the balance and in the scales of justice, observing the Choshen Mishpat as much as the Orach Chaim and Yoreh De'ah." [1] Astounding stories would be told of his behavior toward human beings. Many of his actions received broad coverage in the press, in books and literary works and evoked broad acclaim all over the world.

[1] Or Yisrael, P. 117