

Set Apart

"How can I bear this nation by myself?"

Chazal tell us that it is not by coincidence that the word "Eicha" is used here in this verse. It seems to me that every time the word "Eicha" is used, it is discussing *Klal Yisrael's* feelings about their place in the world. Let us explore this idea further.



In general, I think that people understand that going into exile was and is a punishment for abusing our privilege of living in Eretz Yisroel and being Hashem's nation. There seems to be a *yetzer hara* for Jews to feel that they must "fit in" to the society around them. Instead of standing with confidence, dignity and pride at being separate from the other nations, they would like to be "one of the guys." When I was in elementary school, my rebbe taught us a fascinating concept: If a Jew doesn't make *Kiddush*, then the gentiles will make *Havdalah*. Meaning, if we don't separate ourselves from the gentiles as proud Jews, then the gentiles will pick us out of the crowd with scorn and mockery to ensure that we don't mingle with them.

Classically, when Jews go into exile and are forced to deal with prejudice and isolation due to living with the gentiles up close, they come to appreciate the privilege of being part of the chosen nation, which causes a yearning to return to Hashem and Eretz Yisroel. It seems to me in a sense that going into exile is not just a punishment, but a preparation to eventually feel fulfilled and enriched when serving Hashem.

There are many parables told about a prince who was the only child in a castle, and yearned to play with the commonfolk youths outside the castle. The prince was so frustrated that he sneaked out of the castle. Once outside, the commonfolk stole his jewelry and fine clothing and persecuted him because he was royalty. The prince eventually came back home to his father and cried about the bigotry. His father tried to console his young son by saying, "They are simply jealous!" but the boy could not understand what his father meant.

This is the cycle that we Jews must bring to a stop.

There are many people who say, "I wish *Moshiach* would come!". But, when asked, "Why do you want *Moshiach*?", they explain how their life will be improved when the

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Gil & Malka Garalnick on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Chananya Yisrael this Shabbos. The kehilla is invited to a Kiddush immediately following davening.

The Kehilla is also invited to celebrate after *Tisha B'Av* at a Dessert Buffet on Tuesday, August 1st at 20:45 in the Ahavat Zion Hall, Nachal Timna.



Mazel Tov to Yehuda Aryeh & Judy Gross on the birth of a great -grandson to their grandchildren Shlomo and Ruchama Goodman of Tverya.



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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Devarim

לוח שבת פרשת דברים

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:57	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:17	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:05/19:25	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:27	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:45	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:25	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:18	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	✖	מנחה ב'
Mincha 3	18:00	מנחה ג'
Pirkei Avos	18:24	פרקי אבות
Mincha 4	19:00	מנחה ד'
Sunset	19:46	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:23	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:46	מעריב ב'

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Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim

While most yeshivas shut down during the summer *Bein Hazmanim*, there is still learning going on in our Beis Medrash.



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Q&A: A 3 Week Wedding

Q Unfortunately, Levy and Yocheved got divorced, but then they met up at a singles weekend at the Homowack Hotel during the summer and decided to remarry. May they get remarried during the "three week" period before Tisha B'Av?

A Yes. While Ashkenazim normally do not get married during the three weeks, marrying one's ex-wife is permitted because there is not as much joy and happiness as compared with getting married the very first time. OC 551; A.H. 8

Q&A: 9 Day Wedding Reservation

Q After months of cajoling, Mr. Kagan finally convinced Zion to propose to his daughter Kayla. They needed to find an appropriate hall for a wedding in Elul, but it was now the "nine days" and Kayla was concerned that if they didn't book something immediately, they would have to delay the wedding until after the end of Sukkos! May they look for a hall and then book it during this time period?

A Yes. Kayla is permitted to do this because she feels that if she doesn't find a hall right now and only looks for it after Tisha B'Av, she probably would not find any available halls and would have to schedule the wedding for a later time. Likewise, she may begin preparations for her wedding dress and Zion's suit. She may even purchase items for the wedding that are inexpensively priced right now, so that she will not have to spend more money for them after Tisha B'Av.

OC 551; Shaar Hatzion 12

Don't Be Left Out!



When you have a simcha (or R"L a sad event), it is *so easy* to have it included in the next newsletter! Just send an email to lev@ahavasshalom.org! **Deadline is 11:00 Thursday.** Reminder: Sending an instant message or an email to anyone else will probably result in your announcement not making it to the newsletter!

Netziv Hayom

Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special occasion, and all the learning and davening that take place in our shul during that day will to your merit. Just 120₪ per sponsorship, which is announced via a notice on the "*Netziv Hayom*" board in the shul, as well as an announcement in this newsletter. To sponsor a day please contact Mrs. Zakoo Netziv@ahavasshalom.org.



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Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

If you have *cholim* that you would like the Gabbai to mention during Shabbos day davening, please submit these names via email to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org by Thursday at



12:00 (Please write the Hebrew names using Hebrew letters). This will help to save some time and enable the flow of the Shabbos service to remain consistent. The list was erased on Rosh Chodesh Av, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.

אבות ובנים
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17:00-18:00

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SHUL HALL

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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving two
Shiurim this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 **THE THREE WEEKS!**

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:

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Videos are also available on ahavasshalom.org

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כששואלים אותם, "למה אתה רוצה את המשיח?", הם מסבירים כיצד ישתפרו חייהם כשהמשיח יבוא. למשל, יגידו: "כשיבוא משיח, הוא ישלם לי את החשבונות!" "כשיבוא המשיח, ידידי יתרפא", וכן הלאה. אם כששואלים אותם, "אם היית יכול לקבל את אותן תוצאות בלי ביאת המשיח, האם היית מרוצה?", התשובה היא "כן", אז הם לא מוכנים לצאת מהגלות. מהו המבחן כדי לדעת אם אנו באמת משתוקקים לגאולה? התשובה היא; כשאנו בוכים על חסרוננו של בית המקדש בירושלים. ה"שפת אמת" כותב על דברי חז"ל, "כל המתאבל על ירושלים, זוכה ורואה בשמחתה", אלו שעבורם בית המקדש הוא רק דרך לקבל 'הטבות' בחיים, לא רק שהם לא מתאבלים על חורבנו, אלא שהם גם לא ישמחו בבניינו מחדש. רק אותם אנשים שמכירים מה הפסידו, יכולים לשמוח כשה' ממלא חסרונם.

כאשר אנו אומרים בתשעה באב את הקינה "אוי מה היה לנו", אנו מדברים על דימוי של עם ה', ומבינים שחורבן בית המקדש גרם לאובדן קרבתנו לה'. במקום זאת, אנו מוצאים את עצמנו כאומה שמול שאר העולם יכולה רק להתנצל על היותה העם הנבחר. זו לא צריכה להיות עמדתו של מי שנמצא בגלות. (ראה עמק דבר דברים לג:כח, שמביא את הגמרא בסנהדרין קד:ב - אמר רבא אמר רבי יוחנן אמר הקב"ה אני אמרתי "וישכן ישראל בטח בדד עין יעקב אל ארץ דגן ותירוש אף שמיני יערפו טל" (דברים שם) עכשיו יהיה בדד מושבם ("איכה ישבה בדד").

יהי רצון שנעמוד "בטח בדד", ובזכות ההערכה הזו, נזכה לראות את הגאולה במהרה בימינו.

Communal Kinos

We sincerely hope that the Geula will arrive this year, and instead of Kinos, we will be singing praises to Hashem with hearts full of joy. But in the event this does not occur...

Tisha B'Av



In light of the inspiring presentations the past few years, the Rav enthusiastically supports participation by members of the Kehilla in introducing the Kinos on Tisha B'Av morning. Presentations should be approximately 2-3 minutes in length to share with the Kehilla your thoughts, feelings and explanations on your chosen Kina.

The list of available kinos is found at ahavasshalom.org/kinos. Check this page also to see which kinos you may have presented in a previous year so that you can select a different Kina for this year.

Please contact Peretz Dissen (Peretz@ahavasshalom.org or 054-566-5084) with the Kina you would prefer to introduce, and an alternate or two in case of conflicting requests, or to be assigned one.

"כל המתאבל על ירושלים - זוכה ורואה בשמחתה"

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Moshiach will come. For example, they may say, "When *Moshaich* will come, he will pay my bills!". or "When *Moshiach* will come, my sick friend will be healed", and so on and so forth. If one would ask them, "What if I could produce those desired results without *Moshiach*? Would you be happy?", and the answer is "yes", then the person is not ready to leave exile. What is the litmus test to know if we are really yearning to be redeemed from exile? When we cry over the loss of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The *Sfas Emes* writes, regarding the words of Chazal "Those who weep at the destruction of Yerushalayim will rejoice in its rebuilding (of the Temple)". Those for whom the Temple is just a way of getting 'perks' in life, not only do they not weep at its loss, but they also will not revel or rejoice in its ultimate rebuilding. Only those people who know what they are missing, can rejoice when they get it.

When we say on Tisha B'Av, "Woe to us for what we have lost", we are speaking about an image of a nation which represented Hashem, and understand that the loss of the Temple caused us to lose our closeness to Hashem. Instead, we find ourselves a nation that when facing the world can only be apologetic about being the Chosen Nation. This should not be the stance of a person who is in exile. [See *Emek Davar Devarim* 28:33, where he quotes the *Gemara* in *Sanhedrin* 104B - Raba said: I wanted them to be a nation that is "alone" on top of the world (הם עם לבדד ישכון), and instead they are a nation dwelling alone in Galus (איכה ישבה בדד).]

May we stand apart with our chins up, and through that appreciation merit to see the redemption in our times.

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