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וְהַגַּדְתָּ לְבְנָךְ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא ... (שְׁמוֹת יג ח) And you shall relate to your children on that day...

Do you know how many מצות in the תורה are directly related to the אָצָרָיָם of אָצָרָיָם, remembering [the miracles of] our leaving מִצְרָיָם? In this week's מִצְרָיָם alone there are 19 מִצְרָיָם, but there are far more, such as not moving back to מִצְרָיָם on a permanent basis, not marrying a מְצָרָי ([convert] for three generations), the מְצָרָי related to אָצָיָת, יוֹם טוֹב and אָצָיאָת. There are other מְצָוֹת that mention our אָאָבוּד, so that we should remember the pain we suffered and treat a slave with care, or feel the pain of a widow or poor person.

The אָנוּד learns from זֶכֶר לִיצִיאָת מִצְרָיָם, to remember leaving Egypt, at least three messages, and possibly four. These are all part of the מִצְוָה of מִצְוָה כָא) קפּוּר יְצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם, the obligation to recount the story of בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל leaving Egypt.

The possible fourth message is not mentioned outright in the since there is no separate מִצְוָה to remember the hardship we experienced during that bitter period of history. Although there is a the eating from מצוה מו התורה this מרור to eat מצוה מו התורה to eat מצוה מו the מצוה. There is no separate מצוה of remembering the bitterness itself. This teaches an eternal lesson. בָּלָל יָשָׂרָאָל does not focus on past suffering by itself, for that has no purpose. כָּלַל יָשָׂרָאָל only focuses on their suffering if it will enhance their appreciation of the salvation and יד's Kindness (see מִשְׁרַשֵׁי הַמִצְוָה לְמִצְוָה – to remember the miracles when '7 took us out of the slavery).

The primary message is to remember that "r changed 'nature' and showed the entire world that He controls the universe. The purpose of all the miracles was to help מִצְרָיָם leave מִצְרָיָם, which is the purpose of slaughtering the מִצְוָה ה) as well.

Another message of וֵכֵר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם is to realize that at that time we became an exalted Jewish nation. We changed from being בְּנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל to His Chosen nation called אַ יָשָׁרָאַל, to His Chosen nation called בְּנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל and בְּגֵי מֵלָכִים, princes. Therefore there are מְצְוֹת such as not permitting a non-Jew to participate in the offering and eating of the קרבּן פָּסָח and not breaking any bone of the מִצְוָה יג-יד) קרבּן פָּסָח (מַצְוָה טז).

Another important message is to remember the haste with which די took us out of פָּלַל יִשְׂרָאֶל. When the time arrives for כָּלַל יִשְׂרָאֶל to be taken out of their difficulties, it can happen very quickly - in the 'blink of an eye.' This is taught to us with the מְצָוֹת of not eating (מצוה יב) and not having חמץ in our home (מצוה יב).

May we be זוֹכָה to recognize all the messages of זוֹכָה in the 'blink of an גאולה may we see the ultimate זכות in the 'blink of an eye' בִּמְהֶרָה בִּיַמֵינוּ אַמָן.

Adapted from: ספר החנוך על פרשת השבוע



ט׳ שבט

R' Eliezer Silver אַצייל, born in Obeliai, Lithuania, to רי בוּנָם,

Gaon, רי חַיִּים סוֹלוֹבײֵצִייק and (אוֹר שָׁמֵחַ) רי מֵאִיר שְׁמְחָה. At

the age of 24, he received סְמִיכָה from רי חַיִים עוֹזֵר Grodzinski. In 1907, R' Silver immigrated to the USA with his wife Pearl, taking a position as j, first in New York, then in Pennsylvania, and later on in Massachusetts. In 1931, he accepted an offer to serve as רָב in Cincinnati, where he remained until his אָגדַת יִשָּׂרָאָל and established אָגדַת יִשְׂרָאָל and established the וַעָד הַצָלָה. In 1949, he founded the Chofetz Chaim Day School in Cincinnati. He published עַנְפֵי אָרוֹ in 1960. His son, R' David, published צָמָח in 1968.

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R' Eliezer Silver גַצַייל, renowned for his selfless dedication on behalf of פּלל יָשָׂרָאָל, would often travel throughout the USA and Canada to raise funds and deliver fiery speeches for his Yiddishe brethren during their most difficult hour. He had a unique way to deal with the פָּשְׁרוּת of his host's food. It is said that he brought his own food in his top hat. He would explain to the host that he ate chicken only from his own שחיטה!

> לעיינ רי ישראל בן אברהם זייל לעיינ הבי ישעיהו דוב עייה בן יבלחטייא יצחק צבי נייי

For the contest participants of the first week

Living with Torah

וּלְכָל בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא יֶחֶרַץ כֶּלֶב לְשׁׁנוֹ...לְמַעַן תֵּדְעוּן אֲשֶׁר יַפְלֶה ה׳ בֵּין מִצְרַיִם וּבֵין ישראל.

But against all the Children of Israel, no dog shall sharpen his tongue ... so that you should realize that Hashem will have differentiated between Egypt and Israel " (שָׁמוֹת יא אוי)

The מָכּוֹת explains that with all the other מָכּוֹת, the punishment that was directed only towards the מִצְרָייָם did not conclusively show how much הקבייה loved His people. The מִצְרְייָם were naturally deserving of punishment because of the way they oppressed another people. בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאָל were victims and deserved to be saved from their tormentors.

At the last מְכָּת בְּכוֹרוֹת, מֵכָּה, the noise was horrendous. Dogs are naturally sensitive to loud sounds, and react by barking. now showed His true love to every Jew. In reality, the dogs' barking would have been drowned out by the great noise. However, the barking still added some minimal amplification to the din. By stopping the barking, הקבייה showed how much He loved and guided the Jews with His הקבייה השֹׁנְחֵה פְּרָטִית showed His true love for His people by ensuring that they did not suffer even minute additional discomfort.

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Yosef Sternberg came home to find his home ransacked, with no trace of his wife or his children. He had dreaded this day the Nazis had come and taken them away. He tried to compose himself, but his heart was torn to pieces. Yosef realized that now his life was in danger too and he must flee. He joined the men and boys of the Mirrer Yeshivah, which he had attended as a בחור, and fled the country with them.

After the war, Yosef joined thousands of others who searched for any remaining relatives. After a few months of unsuccessful searching, Yosef decided that he would be best off making his way to ארץ ישראל. Perhaps there he would find peace.

Yosef tried to rekindle his desire for life but could not let go of the family he had left behind. Finally he unburdened himself to his

Rewarding a Rebbe

רָבִי, the great R' Yitzchak Zev Soloveitchik, זייל, the Brisker רָב reassured him that not only was he permitted to remarry but he strongly encouraged him to do so. The רָב himself suggested a young widowed woman.

Eager to move forward with his life, Yosef accepted the suggestion. He met the woman and soon married her. The **r** was overjoyed that he had been instrumental in helping his תַּלְמִיד find some measure of happiness after all he had gone through. The new couple were happy and well suited, but after many years they still remained childless.

Seventeen years passed. Many of their friends urged them to go to the בן for advice, but Yosef adamantly refused. And then, to their indescribable joy, the couple found out that they were expecting a child. Soon, a baby boy was born to them. Yosef immediately ran to his רָבָי to share the wonderful news and the רָב was filled with שָׁמְחָה. On his way out Yosef met a friend. After embracing Yosef and wishing מול טוב, the friend asked, "Do you feel there is a particular זְכוּת, merit, to which you can attribute this?" The answer was shocking.

"For many years you and many others urged me to go to our בָּרָכָה to receive a בָּרָכָה for children. And you probably wondered why I refused to go... Well, now I can tell you. When I first came from Europe, my life was in shambles. I could not let go of the family and the world that I had left behind. Finally I turned to our רָבָּי for help. He encouraged me to remarry and he even arranged the שִׁדּוּך. He was thrilled to have been instrumental in removing some of my pain.

"Had I gone to him to ask for a בָּרֶכָה for children, that would have implied that we were unhappy. And it is possible that this would have caused the רָבָּי pain, since he was partially responsible for some of that anguish, having arranged the marriage. How could I have caused my בָּרָכָה pain just because I wanted a בְּרָכָה for children? I want you to know," he concluded, "I think it was that זכות that enabled us to merit having children."

Adapted from: Touched by a Story 3 (with kind permission from ArtScroll)



Dear Talmid,

R' Eliezer Silver גדול was a גדול whose אָהַבַת יִשָּׁרָאֶל, love for his fellow Jew, knew no bounds. He was instrumental in saving tens of thousands of Jews during the WWII era. In 1939, he founded and was president of the Vaad Hatzolah. He raised over \$5,000,000 to buy not just the freedom, but the lives, of many thousands of Jews trapped behind enemy lines. [Editor's note: \$5,000,000 during 1939-1945 is worth more than \$300,000,000 by today's standards. In 1939, a loaf of bread cost 8¢, a NY subway ride was 5¢, and an average house cost under \$4,000.]

After the war, he traveled to Europe to visit the DP camps filled with Holocaust survivors. On one such visit, he was approached by a man who defiantly said, "Rabbi, I will never

be a religious Jew!"

"What makes you say that?" asked R'

Silver softly. "I saw something in the camp that I "There was a will never forget," he grumbled. "There was a so-called 'religious' man who had smuggled a into the camp. He had the sole סדור in the barracks and only agreed to lend it to an inmate on one condition: in return for half a day's ration of bread!

"And what happened?" asked R' Silver curiously.

"Many gave half their bread so that they could use the man's קדור!" he answered in an angry tone. "I want nothing to do with a religion where a religious person robs starving people of their bread!'

R' Silver understood the young man's

pain, and addressed him as would a loving father. "My dear son, why focus on that one individual who made such a difficult demand? Why not look at the beautiful devotion of all of those who gave up their bread just to pray from that "סדור?" The man thought for a long time and then smiled.

My תַּלָמִיד, this broken man and R' Silver considered the same situation. Yet, they each viewed it very differently! R' Silver saw a side to the story that the man had missed in his anger. If you are hurt, you will often not see the whole picture! Speak about your frustration with a רָבָּי or a close friend. You may be surprised how someone else views the same picture.

יְהִי זִכְרוֹ בָּרוּדְיִ רֶבִּי Your בּיִדִידוּת, A letter from a Rebbi — based on interviews

Halacha lorner עניני דיוֹמא: הלכות שנים מקרא ואַחַד תַרָגום

may תּפָלַת מִנְחָה בִּשְׁבָּת before תְּכָא וְאֶחָד תֵּרָגוּם may complete it until Wednesday of the following week.

• According to some opinions, one who has not completed • According to some opinions, one may finish uncompleted in שַׁמִינִי עַצָּרַת or שַׁמַחָת תּוֹרָה in שַׁמַיני עַצָּרָת ואָחָד תַּרָגוּם ארץ ישראל).

"Since we only discuss 1-3 האלמית, it is important to consider these הלפים in the context of the bigger picture. Use them as a starting point for further in-depth study.

3nd Annual Pirchei שובבים Contest

3rd week of אַניִם מִקְרָא וְאֶחָד תַּרְגוּם fobiiבְבִים – מִצְוָה contest

Is your school or city represented in the Pirchei international אַרָּגָיָם מְקָרָא וְאָהָד תַרְגוּם Beach (FL), Chicago (IL), South Bend (IN), Karmiel (Israel), Baltimore (MD), Clifton / Edison / Lakewood / Passaic / Piscataway (NJ), Brooklyn / Far Rockaway / Inwood / Kew Gardens / Monsey / Staten Island (NY); Cincinnati / Cleveland / Wickliffe (OH), Gateshead / Manchester (UK), or elsewhere, you can still join the amazing קדוע די of the hundreds of תַּלְעָיִדִים who have participated.

We will איייה be announcing the names of those who are entered into the אָרָגוּם מְקָרָא וְאָהָד תַּרְגוּם received by Sunday at 7:00 p.m.). Below are the current contestants:

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