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פרשת כי תצא

Always see

evil and

weakness as

potential

goodness and

greatness.

Worrying

about sins is

often a big

Yetzer Hara

to get you

depressed. It

also

mitigates a

person, and

it makes him

narrow-

minded and

"boxy"

אָשֶׁת יְפָת תֹאַר כאיא Although Our Strong Urges Need to Be Broken, Sometimes They Can Be Channeled Positively

People who work on their *Middos* and break their *Retzonos* can be *Zoche* to great *Nissim*,

and just like they break their *Tevah* (nature), *Midda K'neged Midda* Hashem will break the rules of *Tevah* for them, like *K'riyas Yam Suf.* (*Seforim HaKedoshim*¹). But not always is a person meant to go against his nature. Sometimes, it's appropriate to channel your *Yetzer Hara* and use it for good, like for example *Dovid HaMelech*, who used his 'lust for killing' for killing the *Pelishtim*.

Hesitating Can Make Improper Desires Disappear

When a person has a *Yetzer Hara* for an: אֵשֶׁת יְפַת תֹאֵר, he is permitted to marry her, but he must wait; first she has to cry in front of him, and try to look ugly. The same with fighting our own bad *Retzonos*. Sometimes you need to keep hesitating and trying to understand the stupidity of your anxiety, or your *Kin'ah*, *Ta'ava*, *Kavod*, and *Ka'as* (anger) issue, and hopefully it will disappear.

In the next section of our *Parsha*, we have a: שְׁנוּאָה less loved wife, whose son is older than the beloved אֲהוּבָה, and we have to go against

our *Ratzon* and give the: בֶּן הַשְּׁנוּאָה son of the less loved wife a double: יְרוּשָׁה inheritance, since he is the *Bechor*. Then in the next section we have a: בֵּן סוֹרֵר וּמוֹרָה (wayward son), in which you have to cause your own child to die! A *Yid* has all kinds of daily

Retzonos. Sometimes you need to give in at least momentarily, since it's too difficult to fight. Some people may need to learn *Torah* with one hand, and a Pepsi Cola in the other hand!

And sometimes you had better give in, since your *Shalom Bayis* or job may be at stake if you don't...

The *Torah* foresaw how a negative situation can worsen, and the: בָּן הֹמוֹרָה (wayward son) is killed now, since he is on a negative path. יָמוּת זַּכָּאי, וְאַל יָמוּת חַיָּב סנהדרין עא ב Let him die now, while he is still innocent, and not later when he'll become a danger to society. I once knew an extremely problematic family in *Eretz Yisroel*, with 5 children off the *Derech*, and all kinds

of mental illnesses. It didn't make sense to me, since the father seemed 100% okay. One day, he revealed to me that his grandfather had once been in a severe

אֵינֶנּוּ שׁמֵעַ בְּקֹלֵנוּ כא א Always Talk About Positivity, Until the Entire "Culture" Of Your Family Is to Be Happy and Positive ¹ ספר ייטב לב (פרשת וירא, עה"פ ואברהם ושרה זקנים וגו' עד היפלא מה' דבר, יח, יא-יד) ונקדים עוד מאמר חז"ל (ברכות כ א) מאי שנא קמאי דמתרחיש להו ניסא, משום דמסרו נפשייהו אקדושת השם כו'. ופירשו המפורשים דהיינו טעמא, כי נס הוא חוץ לטבע, ומי שעובד השי"ת חוץ לטבע, הקב"ה עושה לו נס חוץ לטבע, מדה כנגד מדה. אבל מי שאינו צדיק רק על פי הטבע, ולא נס שהוא חוץ לטבע.

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accident, and spent his life in pain, Rachmana Litzlan.

The family was constantly involved in

admiring and glorifying the elder Baal Yissurim, and this father admitted to me that he developed way too much respect for Baalei Yissurim, and subconsciously he secretly desired a life with pain, Rachmana Litzlan. It is so important to always talk about positivity, until the entire "culture" of your family is to be happy and positive.

Yissurim Need to Be Appreciated in A Positive Way

However, talking all day about the (positive) Tzidkus of others can also be negative, since it invites envy, resentment, and depression. The best thing is for each person to constantly work on Sameach B'chelko, to admire the qualities that Hashem gave him, and to appreciate your Yissurim in a positive way, until you're full of pity for those who don't have your type of Yissurim. With the right Ma'amarei ("sayings" of)

Chazal, you can prove any situation to be the most ideal in the whole world.

והפּילוֹ השׁפט כה ב

During Y'mei HaDin Nothing Is More Valuable to Help You Than Bizyonos

Rashi says² that a person who receives 39 Malkus doesn't stand or sit; he bends. We can suggest that bending is the stance of

Hachna'a, which is the *Ikar* part of *Teshuva*. "Bending" and giving in and asking M'chila (forgiveness) even when it isn't comfortable,

> is a big Yesod. Also, the Torah says: ונקלה (the person receiving Malkus has been disgraced) which teaches a new Halacha, that if a person breaks loose and runs away during Malkus, his is Patur (off-the-hook and he will receive no lashes) because he Bizvonos! had (Gemara³). Here comes a Rasha who deserves punishment because he sinned, despite being warned, yet, *Bizayon* saves him! Remember! There is nothing as valuable as Bizyonos to help you during Y'mei HaDin V'haRachamim. So thank Hashem all day for all those extra Bizyonos during Elul, and don't complain about them, Chas V'shalom (and certainly don't take N'kama). You are being saved from serious issues, Chas V'shalom, thanks to your precious Bizyonos. All kinds of pain, humility, and a: heart broken לֵב

wonders for your soul, especially if you accept and appreciate them. Appreciating Your Yissurim Gives Them

"Soul" and Meaning

תפלה בלא כונה כגוף בלא נשמה :Chazal say davening without Kavana is similar to a human body without a Neshama. The same is true with Kabalas Yissurim. If you have

ַרש"י עה"פ וְהָפִּילוֹ הַשּׁפֵט (כה ב) מלמד **שאין מלקין אותו לא עומד ולא יושב אלא מוטה**.

³ מכות כג א, שבועות כח א, אמר שמואל, **כפתוהו ורץ מבית דין, פטור (ונתבזה במנוסה זו ואיכא ונקלה** אחיך, כיון שנקלה הרי הוא אחיך. רש"י בשבועות ד"ה התם רץ).

וכתב בשו"ת חתם סופר (או"ח ס"ס קעה) נחזור להנ"ל עכ"פ לפטור מיסורי כרת סגי על כל בעילה להתענות ל"ט ימים, אפילו בימי החורף שקול יום הצום כמכה א' ברצועת בית דין, **והיינו עם צירוף הבושה שיתבייש בוידוי ברבים**, כי לולי כך אינו דומה סיגופו בסתר למכת ב"ד בפרהסיא שהרי קיי"ל (מכות כג א) **כפתוהו על העמוד ורץ פטור מפני שהבושה כפרה**, **ש"מ שהבזיון** שקול כמלקות, אך היכא שמתבייש ברבים יש לומר של"ט תענית שקולים כל"ט רצועות.

Kavana, i.e., you don't just "roll with the punches", but you have Kavana and Simcha and thought about the pain that Hashem gives you, then everything going on in your life has meaning, it has a "Neshama". **** And when a person keeps Chazzering (reviewing) Seforim and Ma'amarei Chazal

that glorify the greatness of *Torah*, his learning has a totally different meaning. The same is Hachnosas true with Orchim. Nichum Aveilim, Bikkur Cholim, Tz'niyus, and Kedusha. They say that when he had a guest, R' Baruch Ber Zatzal would repeat again and again: אַן" "אוֹרַח, אַן אוֹרַח A guest! A quest! If you put a drop of pond water under microscope, you will see tiny microbes (water creatures like amoeba are tiny, live, moving

creatures. They swim and swallow each other, and divide and multiply. There is a ball-like nucleus inside them, and when they divide, each new amoeba also gets a nucleus.

At the Nucleus of Our *Avodas Hashem* Is Our *Neshama* and Heart

Everything needs a *Neshama*; like the sap of a tree, which gives the tree life. This is why: בְּחֵמְנָא לִיבָּא בָּעִי "Hashem wants our heart" is so important. Even if you're lacking in *Avodas Hashem* and in doing *Teshuva*, the main thing is the *Neshama*; i.e., the nucleus, which is the *Ratzon* (your positive desire)! And by

Korbanos in the Bais Hamikdash, throwing blood is all over the place, and it is the biggest Mitzva. Perhaps the reason for this is because the blood is the Neshama (הַדַּם הוּא הַנַּפָשׁ) and the essence and the lifeline. Every time a Cohen throws the blood, it symbolizes glorifying the Ratzon Tov of a person. Blood comes from the heart. We show with Hashem throwing of the blood that our Ratzon is to be good! Now we have a totally different perspective to all the



and paramecium). Both 'R' Baruch Ber Leibowitz (center) with his son R' are tiny. live. moving Yakov Moshe (right)

blood being used by the Korbanos.

Keep Learning Mussar Even If You Don't See Results

Learning *Mussar* can be discouraging, especially when you don't see it affecting your actions. R' Chatzkel Levenstein *Zatzal* encouraged learning *Mussar* despite this⁴,

⁴ ספר אור יחזקאל (שיחות מורינו המשגיח הגה"ח רבי יחזקאל לעוינשטיין זצוק"ל, מנהלה הרוחני של ישיבת פוניבז' בא"י, ומלפנים בישיבת מיר בארץ ובחו"ל, חלק ז (דרכי העבודה) ב"ב תשסא, עמ' יז) תחילה עלינו להבין את היסוד הגדול כי אמונה דומה לאויר, וכשם שאין שום אפשרות לאדם לחיות אפילו שעה קלה ללא אויר, וכאשר אדם מתקשה בנשימה נותנין לו חמצן כדי שינשום בנקל, וראה בחובות הלבבות (שער הבחינה, פ"ה) בביאור מדוע יש אויר בעולם תמיד, כי כל דבר הנצרך מאוד בעולם לפי גודל הצטרכותו כן יקל מאוד למוצאו, כן הדברים בענינים רוחניים בנוגע לאמונה, האמונה דרושה ונחוצה תמידית לאדם, וכל ימי חייו מוכרח לחיות ולנשום אמונה. וביותר יש להוסיף כי בשעה שלא יתחזק וישאף אמונה, לא רק שחסירה לו האמונה באותה שעה, אלא שואף באותו זמן כפירה ומחשבות העולם הזה הסותרות את האמונה. ולכן ביאר הסבא מקלם ז"ל, בהא שכל העולם והסובב אותו מלאים אפשרויות לראות ולהתחזק באמונה, וכנאמר (איוב יט כו) מְבְּשַּׂרִי אֲחֵזֶה אֵ-לוֹהַ, כיון בהא שכל העולם והסובב אותו מלאים אפשרויות לראות ולהתחזק באמונה, וכנאמר (איוב יט כו) מְבְּשַׁרִי אֲחֵזֶה אֵ-לוֹהַ, כיון

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since the actual *Limud HaMussar* is a big *Zechus*. People are impatient and want results. They have no idea of the *Chashivus* of their tiniest *Ratzon*.

During the Nuremberg Trials in Germany 1946, 10 top ranking Nazis were all hung on one day. They all had different reasons for

their murderous unspeakable actions. The worst of these ten was Julius Streicher, who was the editor of *Der Sturmer*, the virulent antisemitic newspaper, which was the most popular antisemitic propaganda. ***

He had no remorse whatsoever, straight until the very end of his life.

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change. Although all the 9 others were

involved in the actual killing of Jews, and he was just involved in educating the masses to do their evil, he was the worst. We can

suggest that sometimes a mind that is always occupied in evil is a worse situation than actually doing evil.

Your Thoughts and Desires to Learn *Mussar* During *Elul* May Be More Valuable Than the Actual Doing *Teshuva!* Like *Chazal* say: הָרָהוּרֵי עֶבְירָה קּשִׁין מֶעבֵירָה

thinking bad thoughts are worse than doing the actual sin. מְּדָה טוֹבָה How much more is this true in a positive way! Don't make away with all your thoughts and talks and trying to learn Mussar during Elul. This might be extremely valuable in being Zoche B'din on Rosh Hashanah, especially since: רְחְמָנָא לִיבָּא בָּעֵי
Hashem wants our intentions. By Hashem, the main thing is your desire to change, and your striving and

learning extra *Mussar*. The famous *Klal* (rule) of the *Chovos Halvavos*, *Rabeinu Yonah*, and *Madregas HaAdam*⁵: Just do the best

שהאמונה הכרחית, לכן אפשרויות הכרת האמונה רבים הם לאין שיעור, וכדוגמת דברי החוה"ל דלעיל לגבי אויר באפשרויות חיי העוה"ז. ומשו"ה ניתנו לנו מצוות ציצית ותפילין כל יום, כדי שלא נסיח דעתנו אף לשעה קלה מחובת האמונה כי מצוות אלו מחזקות יציאת מצרים שכל כולה מציאות אמונה.

ובאמת הדברים עמוקים יותר. אף כאשר הגיע אדם למדריגת היותו מאמין, אין די בכך שנחשב ונקרא מאמין. אלא תכלית האדם להגביר ולהגדיל את הכרתו באמונה באופן תמידי, וכל ימי חייו צריך לחדש ולחזק את הכרתו. **וגוף ההכרה עצמה היא** התכלית, ובהכרה גופא טמונה ההצלחה (וכל שיוסיף ויחזק הכרתו בזה אף יגביר הכרתו) כי אין האמונה יעד מסוים שצריך להגיע אליו, וכאשר הגיע להיותו מאמין כבר השיג את מטרתו, אלא אף בהיותו מאמין, חייב להוסיף ולהגביר תמיד את הכרתו ולחדש יסודות ועיקרי אמונה בקרבו.

ובזה היה הסבא מקעלם ז"ל משיב לאותם אנשים המתאוננים שאין כדאי להם ללמוד מוסר, באומרם שלימוד המוסר אינו משפיע עליהם ולא מועיל לשנות את ארחות חייהם, וביותר, שכאשר עוסקים במוסר ומגלים ולומדים ענינים חדשים, ואילו בנוגע להתנהגותם למעשה, אין לכך כל השפעה מוחשית. נמצא כי התביעה עליהם יותר גדולה ויותר חזקה כיון שידיעתם והכרתם חזקה, וא"כ עדיף להם לא לעסוק בלימוד המוסר ולא להגביר את הכרתם, ממילא התביעה עליהם תהא קטנה יותר. אבל אין להשוות את השכר שיהיה אבל להאמור נראה כי טעות בידם, אמת נכון הדבר שהתביעה עליהם תהא גדולה יותר, אבל אין להשוות את השכר שיהיה להם עבור אותה ההכרה עצמה שהגיעו אליה בשעת לימוד המוסר, וכדאי העונש הגדול תמורת השכר שיהיה עבור ההכרה שימרה

⁵ חובות הלבבות שער חשבון הנפש (פרק ג, חשבון האחד ועשרים) ראוי לך אחי שתבין, כי רוב הענין המכוון במצוות שהן בגופים ובאברים, הוא להעיר על המצוות אשר תהיינה בלבבות ובמצפונים, מפני שעליהן משען העבודה והן שורש התורה, כמו שכתוב (עקב י כ) אֶת ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ תִּירָא אֹתוֹ תַעֲבֹד, ואמר (נצבים ל יד) כִּי קָרוֹב אֵלֶיךְ הַדְּבָר מְאֹד בְּפִיךְ וּבְּלָבְרָךְ לַעֲשׁתוֹ, ואמר (עקב י יב) מָה ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ שׁאֵל מֵעמְךְ כִּי אִם לְיִרְאָה אֶת ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ. ומפני שהיה זה למעלה מכח האדם, ולא ייתכן לו עד שייפרד מרוב תאוותיו הבהמיות, ויכריח טבעיו, ויקשור תנועותיו, העביד אותו הבורא בגופו ובאבריו במה שיש ביכלתו, עד שיקל עליו לעמוד בהם. וכאשר ישתדל בהם המאמין בלבו ובמצפונו ויגיע מהם כפי יכלתו, יפתח לו האלקים שער המעלות שיקל עליו לעמוד בהם. וכאשר שלמעלה מיכלתו, ויעבוד הבורא יתברך בגופו ובנפשו, בנראהו ובנסתרו, כמו שאמר דוד, עליו הרוחניות, ויגיע מהם אל מה שלמעלה מיכלתו, ויעבוד הבורא יתברך בגופו ובנפשו, בנראהו ובנסתרו, וניקה האדמה מן השלום (תהלים פד ג) לְבִּי וּבְשָּרִי יְרַנְּנוּ אֶל אֵ-ל חָי. וכבר משלו זה לאדם שנטע אילנות, ונכש שרשיהם, וניקה האדמה מן הקוצים ומן העשבים, והשקה אותם בעת הצורך, ודימן אותם, ואחר כן הוא מייחל הפירות מאת האלקים יתברך, ואם יתעלם

How fortunate

are all those

broken souls

who wish they

would learn and

daven better

etc. The perfect

Tzaddik that we

all envy is not

necessarily "the

real thing"

you can, and Hashem will give you Siyata D'shmaya.

Being Broken About Your Hopeless Teshuva Situation Has Tremendous Value in Shamavim

The Chazzan on Yamim Nora'im starts off with: הַנְנִי הַעֲנִי מִמְעַשׁ l am destitute of good deeds, and the Mishna in Taanis says⁶ that a: שַׁ"ץ בְּעֵת צָרָה Chazzan who leads the Tefila during difficult times has to be a broken person (בֵּיתוֹ רֵיקם). If you are broken about your Teshuva situation, since you haven't found realistic solutions to get rid of your sins, this itself

has tremendous value in Shamayim. ****** "I wish I would learn and/or daven better" or "Improve my Bain Adam La'chaveiro" or "Stop those lifetime Kin'ah, Ta'ava, Kavod, and Ka'as (anger) problems"; all this is

> priceless on Yom HaDin. So keep learning extra *Mussar*, keep saving Orchos Chaim of the Rosh, and have Bitachon. You'll be Zoche to a great new year, with Hashem's help. וַחֲתִימָה טוֹבָה K'siva Va'chasima Tova

> זָכוֹר אֵת אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְּ לְמִרְיָם בַדַּרֶךְ בָּצֵאתְכָם מִמְצְרַיִם כד ט The Feeling of Stress or Pressure Is a Type of Confinement and "Mitzrayim" We are commanded to remember how Hashem punished Miriam

with Tzora'as (for speaking Lashon Hara about her brother Moshe) "on the way, when we went out of Mitzrayim". What does

מעבודתם וּמֵעַיֵין עליהם, לא יהיה ראוי שיתן לו הבורא יתברך מהם פרי. וכן בעל מעשה העבודה, **אם ישתדל וימהר ויחרץ** לעשות מה שיש ביכלתו. יעזרהו האלקים לעשות מה שהוא למעלה מיכלתו. אשר הוא הפרי העליון והטובה הנכבדת מאת האלקים על סגולתו ואנשי אהבתו בעולם הזה, כמו שאמרו רבותינו זכרונם לברכה (אבות ד ט) כל המקיים את התורה מעוני סופו לקיימה מעושר, ואמר החכם (קהלת ב כו) כִּי לְאָדֶם שַׁטוֹב לְפָנָיו נָתַן חָכָמָה וְדַעַת וְשִׂמְחָה, ואמרו חכמינו זכרונם לברכה (עבודה זרה כ ב) תורה מביאה לידי מעשה, מעשה מביא לידי זהירות, זהירות מביאה לידי זריזות, זריזות מביאה לידי פרישות, פרישות מביאה לידי נקיות, נקיות מביאה לידי טהרה, טהרה מביאה לידי חסידות, וחסידות גדולה מכולם, שנאמר (תהלים פט כ) אַז דְּבַּרָתַ בְחָזוֹן לָחַסִידֵיךָ, ואם יתעלם ממה שיש ביכלתו, ויקל במה שיש בכחו, תרחק עזרת האלקים ואמצתו ממנו, כמו שנאמר (משלי טו כט) רַחוֹק ה' מֶרְשָׁעִים, ואמר (ישעיה נט ב) עוֹנֹתֵיכֶם הָיוּ מַבְדְּלִים בֵּינֵכֶם לְבֵין אֱלֹקֵיכֶם.

ובשערי תשובה לרבינו יונה (שער א אות א) והתבאר בתורה כי יעזור השם לשבים כאשר אין יד טבעם משגת, ויחדש בקרבם רוח טהור להשיג מעלות אהבתו, שנאמר (נבצים ל ב) וְשַׁבְתַּ עַד ה' אֵלֹקֵיף וְשַׁמַעָתַּ בָקֹלוֹ כָּכֹל אֲשֶׁר אַנֹכִי מַצַוּף הַיּוֹם אַתַּה וּבְּנֵיף ַבָּכָל לְבָבָךְ וּבְכָל נַפְשֶׁךְ, ואומר בגוף הענין (נצבים ל ו) וּמָל ה' אֱלֹקֵיךְ אֶת לְבָבַךְ וְאֶת לְבַב זַרְעֶךְ להשיג באהבתו.

ובספר מדרגת האדם (מאמרי הסבא מנובהרדוק, רבי יוסף יוזל הורביץ זצלל"ה, הוצאה חדשה ירושלים תשסב. מאמר נקודת האמת פרק ז, עמ' קעד-ה) וזהו מה ששאלו להנביא (יחזקאל לג י) כִּי פּשַׁעִינוּ וּחַטּאֹתִינוּ עַלִינוּ וּבָם אַנַחנוּ נַמַקִּים וּאַיְרְ נַחִיָּה, כיוו שאנו ברשות לבנו ומצודה פרוסה על כל החיים, ואיך נשוב, כי קשה לפרוש אחר שהעבירות כבר עברו למעלה ראש? ולהסיר הטענה זאת אמר הנביא (שם פסוק יט) וּבָשׁוּב רָשַּׁע מֶרְשָׁעַתוֹ וְעַשָּׂה מְשָׁפֶּט וּצַדְקָה עַלִיהֵם הוּא יָחְיֵה, א**ם אתם תשובו ותשתדלו** בכל יכלתכם לעשות כל מה שבידכם, אז יערה עליכם רוח ממרום שתתקיים אצלכם "עֲלֵיהֶם הוּא יִחְיֶה", ומאמר הכתוב (ירמיה ג כב) "אַרְפָּה מִשׁוּבֹתֵיכֶם" היינו, שאני בעצמי ארפא לכם, וכמו שאמר הגר"א (קול אליהו, סוכה נב א) על מה שאמרו חז"ל (שם) יצרו של אדם מתגבר עליו בכל יום ומבקש להמיתו, ואלמלא הקדוש ברוך הוא עוזרו לא היה יכול לו, שאימתי הקדוש ברוך הוא עוזרו, בשעה שאלמלא הקדוש ברוך הוא עוזרו לא היה יכול לו, היינו שכבר עשה מה שבידו, אבל אם גם בלא עזר ה' יש בידו אם ירצה, אז אין הקדוש ברוך הוא עוזרו, כי אם הוא אינו חס על עצמו, מי יחוס עליו, וזה יש בידו להתרחק ממקום עבירה, שלא להתחבר עם חברים רעים, ולבקש מקום של יראת שמים, וילמוד מוסר לחזק הסכמתו וישגיח על כל חוט השערה. ואם אחר כל המעשים, יפעם רוחו ויתהפך בדעתו, ע"ז אמר הנביא (ירמיה ג כב) "ארפּה משׁוּבֹתִיכִם", שאתן לכם סייעתא דשמיא אחר שתעשו כל מה שבידכם.

משנה תענית (ב ב) עָמְדוּ בִתְפִּלָּה, מוֹרִידִין לִפְנֵי הַתֵּבָה זְקֵן וְרָגִיל, וְיֶשׁ לוֹ בָנִים, וּבֵיתוֹ רֵיקָם (שאין בביתו במה לפרנס את 6 בניו, ומתוך שנפשו עגומה עליו, מתפלל בכונה. אי נמי, ביתו ריקן מן העבירות, שלא יצא עליו שם רע בילדותו. רע"ב) כָּדִי שַּׁיְהָא לבו שלם בתפלה.

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Every person

has his

"Mítzrayím",

(i.e., his

unfortunate

issues in life).

Learn to laugh

at your

personal

Mítzrayím's

(life issues), and

the same with

not being

impressed by

strong and

powerful people,

or when faced

with

"impossible"

situations

Yetzias Mitzrayim have to do with the Tzora'as that Miriam had? Actually, Yetzias Mitzrayim is mentioned everywhere. We are

nice to Ani'yim (the poor), the Ger, the Yasom and Almana; all because of Yetzias Mitzravim.7 מְצְרֵיִם *Mitzrayim* comes from the Meitzar. word: מֵיצַר i.e.. boundaries, limitations, narrow minded, far'kvetched, and pressure (לַחִצְנִי), and we left Mitzrayim to come to Eretz Yisroel, which is: אַרץ טוּבָה וּרחַבָה n שמות ג a wide and spacious land, with: אֶרֵץ נַחֲלֵי מָיִם relaxing and moving waters, אֶרֵץ זָבַת חָלָב וּדְבָשׁ flowing with milk and honey, אֵל the הַמַּנוּחָה וָאֵל הַנַּחַלָּה יב ט Menucha (resting place) and Nachala (hereditary land), and Rashi in in Parshas Eikev describes⁸ how much easier it is for your fields to get watered in Eretz Yisroel than in Mitzravim. **

Yetzias Mitzrayim Means Bitachon & Simcha & Calmness Like a Baby in His Mother's Arms

That's why *Shabbos* is connected to *Yetzias Mitzrayim*,⁹ because it is a time of *Menucha* and *Simcha*, similar to "*Yetzias*" (leaving the

confinement of) *"Mitzrayim"*. And the *Torah* mentions allowing: רוֹצְחִים murderers to run away to: עָרֵי מִקְלָט *Arei Miklat* (cities of

refuge) next to Yetzias Mitzrayim;10 as if to say: Let them go there! Mitzravim is loaded with Tzim'tzum, hatred, and jealousy, like it says: וַיָּקצוּ מִפְּנֵי בִּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שמות א יב the Yidden were like thorns in the eyes of the *Mitzri'im* (*Rashi*¹¹). A Yid has to be relaxed in the hands of Hashem: נַפָּשִׁי כָּגָמַל עֲלֵי אַמוֹ תהלים קלא ב like a baby in his mother's arms. Yetzias Mitzrayim is mentioned everywhere. It is the Yesod of Emuna. אָנֹכִי ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ אֲשֵׁר אָשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךְ מֵאֶרֵץ מִצְרַיִם l took you out of Mitzrayim - Who can do anything! Avoda Zara means worshiping: עַץ ואֶבֵן wood and stone, which is a kind of Tzim'tzum and "limits",

unlike Hashem who has unlimited goodness. Being critical and speaking Lashon Hara is a sign of being narrow and not understanding others.

Antisemitism (like Mitzrayim) is preduced and blind without accepting

being closed and blind without accepting another type of person and *Fargining* him the goodness that he has. All *Machlokes* in *Klal*

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⁷ לא תַּטֶּה מִשְׁפַּט **גַּר יָתוֹם וְלֹא תַחֲבֹל בֶּגֶד אַלְמָנָה. וְזַכְרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּמִצְרָיִם וַיִּפְּדְּךָּ ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ מִשְׁם עַל כֵּן אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךְ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה. (כד יז-יח) כִּי תִקְצֹר קְצֵירְךְּ בְּשֶׁדֶךְ וְשְׁכַחְתָּ עֹמֶר בַּשֶּׁדֶה לֹא תָשׁוּב לְקַחְתּוֹ לְגַּר לִיָּתוֹם וְלָאַלְמָנָה** יִהְיֶה. כִּי תַּבְצֹר קְצִירְךְ לֹא תְעוֹלֵל לְמֵען יְבָרֶכְךְּ ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ בְּכֹל מֵעֲשֵׁה יָדֶיךְ. כִּי תַחְבַּט זֵיתְךָ לֹא תְעוֹלֵל אַחֶרִיךְ לִגַּר לַיָּתוֹם וְלָאַלְמָנָה יִהְיֶה. וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם עַל כֵּן אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךְ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה.

⁸ רש"י בפרשת עקב עה"פ כִּי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה בָא שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ לֹא כְאֶרֶץ מִצְרִים הִוּא אֲשֶׁר יְצָאתֶם מִשְּׁם אֲשֶׁר תִּזְרַעְךְּ וְהִשְּקִיתָ בְרַגְלְךְ כְּגֵן הַיָּרֶק (יא י) ארץ מצרים היתה צריכה להביא מים מנילוס "בְרַגְלְךְ" ולהשקותה, וצריך אתה לנדד משנתך ולעמול, והנמוך שותה ולא הגבוה, ואתה מעלה המים מן הנמוך לגבוה, אבל זו "לְמְטַר הַשָּׁמַיִם תִּשְׁתָּה מָּיִם", אתה ישן על מטתך, והקב"ה משקה נמוך וגבוה, גלוי ושאינו גלוי, כאחת.

⁹ וְזַכַרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וּיִּצָאֶךְ ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ מִשֶּׁם בְּיָד חֲזָקְה וּבִזְרֹעַ נְטוּיָה עַל כֵּן צִוְּךְ ה' אֱלֹקֶיךְ לַעֲשׁוֹת אֶת יוֹם הַשַּבָּת. ואתחנן ה טו.

¹⁰ אָז יַבְדִּיל משֶׁה **שָׁלשׁ עָרִים** בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן מִזְרְחָה שָׁמֶשׁ **לְנֵס שָׁמָּה רוֹצֵחַ** וכו' אֵלֶה הָעֵדֹת וְהַחֻקְּים וְהַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר משֶׁה אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל **בְּצֵאתָם מִמִּצְרָיִם**. ואתחנן ד מא-מה.

[ַ]רש"י עה"פ וַיָּקֵצוּ מִפְּנֵי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל (א יב) קצו בחייהם. ורבותינו דרשו **כקוצים היו בעיניהם**. 11 רש"י עה"פ

We try not

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Yisroel also stems from Mitzrayim personality.

Be Broadminded to Accept All Those Imperfect Plan Bs in Your Life

You are closed up, as if only your Shita counts. Yetzias Mitzravim means Bitachon

and Simcha; and being satisfied & relaxed without envy. The messages of *Yetzias Mitzrayim* are throughout our Torah and Chagim and Nusach HaTefila, because all day long we have Nisyonos "Tzim'tzum". in Accepting Yissurim also means relaxing. It once happened that a certain person didn't daven so shtark during Elul, and was told that since he didn't daven well, he has a: לֵב נִשְׁבַּר broken heart, which is often more Chashuv than the biggest Mitzvos.

You need to be broadminded to accept all those imperfect Plan Bs in your life. Don't be narrow by insisting "I messed up!" I'm "no good". Relax about your mistakes; they are all L'tovah. All your "issues" are *Mitzrayim's*, that you have to learn how to accept, or have Bitachon that they will disappear.

Many people feel that all the *Mussar* they learn during Elul isn't real, since they don't feel a change. R' Chatzkel Levenstein Zatzal said¹² that the very involvement in *Mussar* is already a Zechus and a Tikun. Perhaps the fact that your pain and frustration is not really pulling you out of your issue is itself the biggest Zechus.

Every Minute of Your Life Is an Opportunity to Start a New M'halech

All your life you considered yourself a

sensitive person, and this caused loads of Bain Adam La'chaveiro problems, with Ka'as (anger) and Hakpada, depression, anxiety, etc. Be broad! Leave the Mitzravim, i.e., your "locked in" past, and decide that you're not really a sensitive person. Perhaps this can be

a reason why leaving Mitzrayim in: חֹדֵשׁ הָאָבִיב the spring is so important, that Bais Din must add an extra month to the calendar in order to make sure that Pesach always comes out in the spring. Spring is the time for rejuvenation! Spring is when new flowers and leaves are in bloom, and the perfect time for Pesach, since the whole leaving your past and starting new! The powerful Bais Din creates a new indeed the epitome of Yetzias The whole idea of *Teshuva* is a form of Yetzias Mitzrayim. Stop ruining future by continuously your remembering your dismal Every minute of your life is an opportunity to break out from a

dismal past and start a new M'halech. ******** The next time you say Zecher L'yetzias Mitzrayim, remember how new worlds are always available to an Oved Hashem; in the form of new Yeshuos, and yourself becoming a new person.

STORY

On the way to the Bais Medrash, a Yungerman stopped me and told me that he was about to have a serious, complicated case. loaded with aggravations and all kinds of Yissurim. I told

Yesod of Yetzias Mitzrayim is month in honor of *Pesach*. They are Mitzravim by making a second Adar.

¹² אור יחזקאל (הובא לעיל אות 4).

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him: לֹא הָיוּ דְבָרִים מֵעוֹלָם "The whole story never happened!" loudly and emphatically, and with *Shtoltz*, like there isn't even a "*Hava-Amina*" (posibility). (This is my ongoing style

to all court cases, and similar skirmishes with authorities). **
Two days later, he gets a message that one of the lawyer's wives became ill, and they have to cancel the entire court case at least for a year. I told him: "A year! Just forget about it. It's never going to happen, with Hashem's help!" This just happened about a month ago.

Another *Yungerman* was crying to me about a situation that he was summoned to court, and in all probability, he will sit in jail for the rest of his life.

lt's all on paper and documented how he contradicted himself and said the wrong thing, again and again. He will also cause 50 other *Yidden* to be in big trouble, because of what he did. He and his wife were in major anxiety mode. Rachmana Litzlan, and were Mamash falling apart. They were totally dysfunctional, so I asked to have his wife listen on speaker, as I yelled my usual Nusach (same as above: לֹא הַיוּ

קבְרִים מֵעוֹלָם "דְבָרִים מֵעוֹלָם". When I was finished with them, they were both in a different world; all cheered up and totally positive, with a mode of: הַכּל יָכוֹל "Hashem can do anything!"

Two weeks later, he called me up about something totally unrelated. He had totally forgotten about the court case. The whole thing became: בָּטֶל וּמְבוּטֵל null and void. A

week later, another nervous wreck called me with a horrific court case that would ruin his life, *Rachmana Litzlan*. I laughed and laughed, and calmed him down considerably. Two days later it was all but forgotten. He was totally "off the hook".

My secret: I myself once had a serious court case regarding a family member. and while everyone was scared stiff trying to salvage what they can in a losing situation, I was busy putting hours into Mussar and Bitachon. We came out with flying colors as had consistently predicted, in less than a half hour. Aderaba, Aderaba.

Since then, I view all these scary situations (like court cases) with: ביטול belittling, and I feel how Hashem is totally in charge, and all those fearsome judges and lawyers and large court rooms are like big jokes compared to Hashem. I also recommend trying to take Yom HaDin on Rosh Hashanah seriously, by putting out scary leaflets about Yom HaDin, and talking about

the seriousness of *Yamim Nora'im*, and Hashem will save you from dangerous court cases, since you are serious about the true court case of Hashem.

Hashem intentionally makes a situation or a person scary like an "ogre" or a "bear", to see if a person can dominate his mind with fear of Hashem, who is much stronger than anything. If in his mind he belittles the power of the "bears" and "ogres" of his life, and remembers how Hashem is really in charge, and is full of goodness and Yeshuos, then indeed Hashem will continue doing Nissim and Yeshuos for

הרה"ג מו"ר ר' אהרן שעכטר זצוק"ל ז' אלול תשפ"ג My *Rebbe*, R' Ahron Shechter *Zatzal*



I have no words to express my lifetime admiration for this *Tzaddik*. I have a few stories that I personally experienced. I was in Camp Morris, standing next to a *Chashuva Yungerman* after davening *Mincha*, and R' Ahron *Zatzal* pointed to me, hinting that becoming friendly with this person would be good for my own self-esteem. I had the same experience with R' Shia Fishman *Zatzal*, who encouraged me (as a lonely *Bachur*) to become friendly with a *Chashuva Bachur* who was "one of the boys".

This is extremely important! Don't be an "Anav" who hangs around those easy relationships (of course sometimes this is the

biggest *Mitzva*). Hanging around *Chachomim* and more "in" types can give you more *Chochma* (especially in *Limud HaTorah*). It will help you improve your invaluable *Yesod* in all *Avodas Hashem...Gadlus HaAdam!* ***

Story

I saw him in Camp Morris in a wheelchair, with all kinds of medical paraphernalia around him, and I wished him a *Refua Shleima*. He yelled: "Who says I'm a *Choleh*?!" This is very much my *M'halech*, and it has saved me (and others) loads of times from serious problems, *Chas V'shalom*. This is why I avoid doctors. They make a person an **official** *Choleh*, which makes things worse, *Rachmana Litzlan*.

The Steipler *Zatzal* avoided doctors, and said that he wouldn't be alive at his age had he gone to them. He said that he had many potential maladies, and with time they disappeared. Of course, every person is on a different level. I had *Rabbeim* who guided me.

When Mesivta Rabeinu Chaim Berlin was in Far Rockaway, the Yeshiva was a block away from my house. Once, I was standing on a ladder building a succah in my backyard, and suddenly some of my friends popped in to visit me. I was perhaps overly Lebedik as a teenager, and I screamed: "Hey! Hey!" Just then, R' Ahron happened to be there, and my friends laughing, somewhat started embarrassed. Of course, I was turning colors, being "caught in the act." R' Ahron laughed, and said: "Kol Terua!" Then, he added: "*Aderaba*, this shows: ביעוּת friendship and camaraderie". Here you have an example of the Slabodka Ayin Tova and good humor. This is the Derech. You can always turn a: גְנֵאי minus into a: שָׁבַח plus, and you always look to find good. זָכוּתוֹ יָגֵן עָלֵינוּ, אָמֵן May his merit protect over us, Amen.

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R' Nosson

Wachtfogel

Zatzal

said¹³ that

in Elul, the

main thing

is: To

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doer!

I know a little: חַיָּה רְעָה מִיָּה wild kid, a tiny 6-yearold who wrecks his house. He fights with his siblings, and can be quite abnormally chutzpadik to his parents. Al Pi Tevah (normally) this boy was heading for a sad crazy life, especially since his parents are always screaming and criticizing him. I once went over to him, and complimented him:

"Aderaba, I love wild kids. They have so much energy and so much Simcha!". These words had a big effect on him. He is still wild, but he developed a soft-side, and he became more human!

This was *Pikuach Nefesh Mamash*. A younger sibling was going through *Gehinom*, being bullied by his older "wild Indian" of a brother. The boy looked depressed, and avoided people. I went over to him, and told him: "I love you the most in the family." I tried this many times, with no

results... until recently he started smiling and talking to me! He's a new person, with Hashem's help.

אַשְׁרֵנוּ Good News

In honor of *Chodesh Elul*, Hashem gave me two unusual *Bizyonos*; which is the biggest *Kapara*. It's perfect timing! One of them may well have been a total *Dimyon*, but I felt my *Kapara*, just the same. The other one was real for sure, and it is saving me from a relationship which was a big *Shayla* in *Halacha*.

NOVARDOK

There is a famous story with a *Novardoker* who was learning in Bais Yosef of Boro Park, and his wife called. He told his friend who had answered the telephone that he was too busy

learning, and he could not accept the call. So his friend told him it was his *Kalla* who called. He got the hint, and he took the telephone. People take everything for granted, including their wives.

When you remember the good old days when your wife was once your *Kalla*, you think differently. R' Chaim Langleben *Zatzal* was a tremendous *Masmid*, and his learning *Gemara* was always mixed with *Mussar Seforim*.

Every *Erev Shabbos* he always stayed in the *Bais Medrash* until 3 o'clock, no matter what. He was super *Geshmak* at home, always joking and making everyone happy (despite his many *Nisyonos*). His wife once asked what he preferred for dessert, ice cream or ices. He said: "I'll have both". Then he put his yarmulka on his knee, and said (pointing to his knee) "Give this guy also an ice cream".

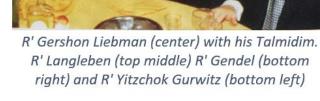
He got married right after the war. His wife said that she was especially impressed with him since he had just lost his entire family, and yet he looked so happy as if nothing

¹³ לקט רשימות (ממרן המשגיח דלייקווד רבנו נתן מאיר וואכטפויגל זצוק"ל, נכתב על ידי תלמידו הר' ראובן הכסטר שליט"א, בעניני אלול וימים נוראים, שנת תשסו, הדפסה חדשה, עמ' ה) אמר המשגיח, עיקר העבודה באלול צריך להיות בעשה טוב דוקא, ולא בסור מרע! וסיפר איך שרבנו ישראל סלנטר, עשה סדר לתלמידיו בחודש אלול, סדר לימוד של שמונה עשרה שעות במעת לעת, והיינו ששמו דגש על עשה טוב. וביאר המשגיח, הרי הגרי"ס ותלמידיו שהיו גדולי עולם היו לומדים כל השנה כפי כוחם, וא"כ למה דוקא באלול למדו ח"י שעות? והיינו משום דבאמת כל השנה לא היה בכוחם ללמוד כ"כ הרבה, ורק בימים אלו שהם ימי רחמים ורצון, נפתח המוח ומתרחב הלב, ומתקרבים יותר להקב"ה שהוא המלמד תורה לעמו ישראל, ואז הרגישו שהם יכולים ללמוד ח"י שעות.

happened. This is what *Novardoker Chizuk* does to a person. He was a practical person, and he used to tell people to learn *Mussar* for

ten minutes a day. But once he told me in a low tone: "Sometimes a person can learn Mussar all night". He would always give the same Bracha: לא יַמוּשׁוּ מְפִּיךָ וּמְפִּי זַרְעֲךָ וּמְפִּי זַרַע זַרְעֲרָ אָמַר ה' מֶעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם (the words of *Torah* shall never leave your mouth, your sons, or their sons, forever) and you should live a life of bending your *Middos*". When he bought a new hat, he would

normal.



normal and decent person, but how he dressed, was not important to him.

Like all *Novardokers*, he did not have the need to dress up for people. He would always learn with his grandchildren, and his family loved him very much. He was full of encouraging words, and I once saw him at a family *Simcha*, how he was rolling and laughing at all the smart, comical things that one of his children was saying. He used to always tell me that a person has to act

"Please give me Class D". He was a very

The old *Mirrer Talmidim* were also very involved in acting normal. However, *Novardokers* could often do subtle, weird things when they felt it was necessary in breaking *Middos*. Yet, they were careful how they did these things, and everyone respected them.

The Alter of Novardok ALWAYS MOVING AND DOING

The Alter was a big "Zariz" who was always

moving and doing things. On Yom Kippur, he made a Kabala (resolution) to build 25 Yeshivos. (Guess what was R' Nosson Wachtfogel's Kabala on Yom Kippur? To build Kollelim all over the United States). They say that the Alter Zatzal didn't even take some food to break his fast. Right away, on *Motzei* Yom Kippur, he got on a train with his Talmidim and went to the next

town to build his first *Yeshiva* - the very next day (and in the middle of WWI).

He took over an old shul, and there was his first *Yeshiva*. He said that he was afraid to go to sleep in a comfortable bed, since he would start having *Rachmanus* on himself after a fast-day, and get involved in his *Gashmiyus*. R' Gershon Liebman *Zatzal* once told a *Yungerman* to keep away from his house, and spend a whole week in the *Yeshiva* to get a recharge.

A great *Torah*-builder once called a *Talmid* into his office, and asked him if he's willing to build a *Yeshiva* in a far-off place, at the other end of the world. The *Talmid* said that he has to first ask his wife. The *Rebbe* said: "If you need to ask her, then you're not for us". The *Novardokers* were extremely devoted to their *Rebbe*, and their wives were trained to live for *Klal Yisroel* and not for themselves.



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Questions To Rabbi Mandel



Worried about Ayin Hara's

Question: How worried should we be when we speak about all the positive things in our lives? Shouldn't we broadcast Hashem's kindnesses and amazing *Brachos*?? Where does the concept of *Ayin Hara*'s come in, and how do we balance praising our blessings, while keeping away the evil eye? Does saying *Bli Ayin Hara* actually help and keep it away, or is it just a crutch?

Answer: An *Ayin Hara* is a *Yetzer Hara*. For many of us, it's a big *Yetzer Hara*. In *Novardok*, they weren't into them. In *Novardok* I heard a *Lashon*, where they laughed at it. Not all the *Novardokers*, but the ones who I spoke to just laughed at it and said: "What are you making trouble in your life for?" Keep away from *Ayin Hara's*, it's nothing. It's not a healthy mentality. Not for us. I don't recommend that. Do what's normally done, and you have nothing to worry about. Those who are not worried them have nothing to worry about. Learn not to worry in general.

All the *Bitachon* in the world disappears thanks to *Ayin Hara's*. People are nervous about things happening to them and don't have *Bitachon* because of: "*Ayin Hara*, *Ayin Hara*". Or, *Hakpados*. Or, I did an *Aveira*. You want to be involved in *Chazal's* that warn against *Ayin Hara*? (like the *Chazal* that² the cemetery is full of people who died because of *Ayin Hara*). These *Chazal's* are true, but a person who has *Bitachon* can be like the descendants of *Yosef* who are "above" "*Ayin Hara*" (*Chazal's*) and the *Me'am Lo'ez* adds⁴, not only does *Ayin Hara* not hurt them, but it gives them *Bracha*. **Exactly in a place** of potential damage, a *Baal Bitachon* gets *Davka Yeshuos* and *Brachos*. A person who has *Bitachon* is in a different world!

Take your pick. If you want *Bitachon*, you have to say goodbye to that mentality. And make sure you *Davka* do things like that. Because you have a big *Yetzer Hara* to worry about it. If, however, you're trying to do something not-nice, and you're being a little too showy, that's a different story. You don't have to go out of your way to hurt people! But if you're acting normal, don't worry. There's a *P'sak* like that (either from R Elyashiv *Zatzal* or R Shlomo Zalman who once told somebody) if you're acting normal, you have nothing to worry about.

You can submit your questions to Rabbi Mandel by emailing them to questionsforrabbimandel@gmail.com

¹ פסחים קי ב, כללא דמילתא**, כל דקפיד קפדי בהדיה, ודלא קפיד לא קפדי בהדיה**, ומיהו למיחש מיבעי (ופי' רשב"ם כל דקפיד -יותר מדאי, קפדי בהדיה השדים להזיקו, ודלא קפיד כ"כ לא קפדי בהדיה להזיקו, ומיהו למיחש מיבעי אפילו מאן דלא קפיד דלא קפדינן בהדיה, דאי תימא דלא קפדי בהדיה כלל א"כ זוגות למה נזכרו בגמרא, כך היה להם לחכמים לומר לא יזהר אדם בזוגות דלא לקפדו בהדיה).

² ב"מ קז ב, רב סליק לבי קברי, עבד מאי דעבד (יודע היה ללחוש על הקברות ולהבין על כל קבר וקבר באיזו מיתה מת, אם מת בזמנו אם בעין הרע. רש"י) אמר, **תשעין ותשעה בעין רעה ואחד בדרך ארץ**.

³ ברכות כ א, רבי יוחנן הוה רגיל דהוה קא אזיל ויתיב אשערי דטבילה, אמר, כי סלקן בנות ישראל ואתיין מטבילה, מסתכלן בי ונהוי להו זרעא דשפירי כוותי. אמרי ליה רבנן: לא קא מסתפי מר מעינא בישא? אמר להו: **אנא מזרעא דיוסף קא אתינא, דלא שלטא ביה** עינא דשפירי כוותי. אמרי ליה רבנן: לא קא מסתפי מר מעינא בישא? אמר להו: אל תקרי עֲלֵי עָיַן אלא עוֹלֵי עָיַן. רבי יוסי ברבי חנינא עינא בישא, דכתיב (ויחי מט כב) בַּן פֹּרֶת יוֹסֵף בָּן פֹּרֶת עֲלֵי עָיַן, ואמר רבי אבהו, אל תקרי עֲלֵי עָיַן אלא עוֹלֵי עָיַן. רבי יוסי ברבי חנינא אמר מהכא (ויחי מח טז) וְיִדְגוּ לְרֹב בְּקֶרֶב הָאֶרֶץ, מה דגים שבים מים מכסין עליהם ואין עין הרע שולטת בהם, אף זרעו של יוסף אין עין הרע שולטת בהם. ואי בעית אימא, עין שלא רצתה לזון ממה שאינו שלו, אין עין הרע שולטת בהם. ואי בעית אימא, עין שלא רצתה לזון ממה שאינו שלו, אין עין הרע שולטת בהם. ואי בעית אימא, עין שלא רצתה לזון ממה שאינו שלו, אין עין הרע שולטת בהם. וויי בעית אימא, עין שלא רצתה לזון ממה שאינו שלו.

⁴ מעם לועז (בראשית ב, עמ' תתיד) ולא תשלוט עין הרע בך ולא בזרעך, וכל מי שיסתכל בהם בעין רעה, לא זו בלבד שלא יגיע בהם כל נזק, אלא אף תביא ברכה. וזהו שאמר לו (מט כב) בֵּן פֹּרָת יוֹסֵף בֵּן פֹּרָת עֲלֵי עָיִן, ר"ל שזרע של יוסף תהיה להם שליטה על העין, ולא תהיה לעין שליטה בהם. (בשם הערוך ערך על. וזה לשון בעל הערוך, אחר שהביא הגמרא הנ"ל: פי' כל מה שמעיינין להן בעין רע לא יזיקם אלא מועיל להן ומעלין ביותר. ר' גרשם זצ"ל פירש שהן עולין על העין כדבר שיושב למעלה מן העין ואין שולט עליו. ורבינו חננאל ז"ל היה שונה עלי עין כלומר בואי העין במקום אחר ואל תזיקני. עכ"ל רבינו בעל הערוך. ומבואר שלפי פירוש זה, מ"ש אל תקרי עַלֵי עַיִן אלא 'עוֹלֵי' עַיַן היים שיש להם 'עליה' שמתעלין על ידי העין שמעיין בהם לרעתם).