

together with all the biggest *Talmidei Chachomim & Tzadikim*; how odd that sounds to us. A person who sinned and did *Teshuva* gets extra *Schar* when he respects himself more than others, since he is breaking his *Midda* of *Shiflus* and going to the other extreme!

חג הפסח

When You Get a Different *Matzav* in Life Than You Wanted

Our forefathers were trying to make normal *Chametz* bread, but they didn't get a chance to finish their job, and suddenly they were left with *Matza*. This is a lesson in life; how a person should live with *Ratzon Hashem* and not his own *Ratzon*. **Mankind is always being tested with getting a different *Matzav* than what you originally wanted.**

Your wife and/or children aren't the way you want. In fact, they can often be just the opposite, to add insult to injury! The same with your job that turns out lousy, or the house and/or car that you bought. How often are people's lifelong dreams shattered in their faces! "I was hoping to become a big *Talmid Chochom* / or a millionaire / or having a normal balanced life... and I get just the opposite.

Or sudden changes in relationships: "We used to do so well, and now?!" Help!! Surprise! Surprise! From the warm cozy *Bais Medrash*, we're freezing in Siberia, *Rachmana Litzlan*, or worse, *Hashem Y'racheim*; or from perfect health, suddenly a new painful and/or worrisome *Matzav*. Money problems, no more comforts, no more friends, no more marriage, *Rachmana Litzlan*.

My brain doesn't work the way it used to! My feet! My abilities; downhill, *Hashem Y'racheim*. Like: וַיָּקָם מֶלֶךְ הַדָּשׁ שְׁמוֹת א נ a sudden new monarch, and all my problems begin. These are all tests *Min HaShamayim* and a *Baal Bitachon* keeps learning *Mussar* and doesn't suffer the way the rest of the world suffers. ("I have no more *Koach*! No more patience!")

Never look at the past and miss it and kvetch about the present. Instead, **remember you were working on *Chametz* and it became *Matza*. *Chametz* is: אִסוּר בְּמִטְהוֹ (even a drop of it forbids the whole mixture). Don't even think a drop about your past. And *Matza*, you get a *Mitzva* for every bite. The more you cherish (and chew) and respect and accept your present (despite all the pain) the more *Schar* you get.**

You love every second of pain and inconvenience. You're the real *Oved Hashem*. You're a: וַיִּדָּם אֶהֱרֵן (like) *Ahron* who was silent during his pain. We all have constant: וַיִּדָּם אֶהֱרֵן opportunities, and we can actually become great like *Ahron HaCohen* himself. Keep "chewing" those *Matzos* and be *M'kabel Yissurim B'ahavah*. Of course, you need plenty of work to realize all the good fortune that you have!

A Person Was Created to Give to Others

The *Rambam* says that when all you think about is yourself, your entire *Yom Tov* can be a: שְׂמֵחַת קָרְיוֹ Simcha of your belly, *Chas V'shalom*. How much more so in our generation, where there are millions of *Yidden* whose *Neshamos* are hungry for *Yiddishkeit*. We start the *Haggadah* with: הָא לְחֵמָא עָנִיָּא inviting guests, and we see how *Chesed* is #1 in the whole vital *Mitzva* of *Sippur Yetzias Mitzrayim*. So, what kind of contribution are we offering those *Ruchaniyus-Ani'yim*, with "poor man's bread"? The answer is that *Matza* is a *Ruchaniyus'dik* food, and we are offering *Ruchaniyus* for our guests. Like the woman who was: מְנַסְפִיעַ did *Kiruv* in the Ukraine, who complained when she was forced to leave before *Pesach*: "What kind of *Pesach* is there, without having 150 guests who know nothing about *Yiddishkeit*?"! חֲלֵקָה! Fortunate is her lot!

Like the *Chovos Halvavos* says that *Zikkui HaRabbim* is better than acquiring high *Madregos*, even *Nevua*! R' Chaim of Volozhin says that a person was created to **give others**. This is the very essence of a human being! **And this is why those who leave their home town & their big *Yeshivos* in order to do for *Klal Yisroel* in some far-off-place are known to be happiest people! And even if we seem to do very little for others, and we are losing time from becoming great in *Torah*, it is still much more *Chashuv* since we are "givers", which is our main reason for existence.**