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6:56 PM Mincha Erev Shabbos Daf Yomi—By R' Teichman 7:30 AM 8:30 AM Shacharis-Followed by Kiddush -Sof Zman K"S-9:55 גר"א 🗢 9:19 מ"א Pirkei Avos - By R' Shlomo Teichman 6:05 PM Mincha - Followed by Shalosh Seudos 6:50 PM Maariv -8:03 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim Sunday

Daf Yomi—By R' Teichman 7:30 AM Shacharis 8:30 AM ~ No Halacha Shiur This Week 6:55 PM Mincha / Maariy Monday - Friday Daf Yomi- By R' Teichman 5:45 AM Shacharis

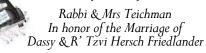
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Ships in the Night

Dedicated in honor of the marriage of our beloved children Rabbi Zvi Hersh and Mrs. Dassy Friedlander

יהי רצון שיזכו לבנות בית נאמן בישראל!

This week we read the harrowing account of the Admonition that describes the 98 curses that will befall the Jewish nation for their failure to live up to God's expectation of them, ultimately leading to the long exile we are still waiting to be redeemed from.

Each curse gets progressively worse than the previous one. Yet, the very last one, which we would have expected to be the most devastating, seems much more moderate than the earlier troubles.

והשיבך ד' מצרים באניות בדרך אשר אמרתי לך לא תוסיף עוד לראתה והשיבך ד' מצרים באניות בדרך אשר אמרתי לק לא תוסיף עוד לראתה God will return you to Egypt in ships, on the road which I said to you, "You shall never again see it!", And there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as slaves and maidservants- but there will be no buyer!

The Holy Bnai Yisasschar writes that the worst tragedy is when people fail to see the presence of God in the various events and circumstances of life.

The verse doesn't say they will return, למצרים, **to** Egypt, but simply מצרים, Egypt. It is not the physical arrival to that location that is foretold, but rather a parallel to the corrupted mindset that we had there, of a life void of awareness of God's control and concern.

God camouflages His presence in all that occurs, and it is up to us to decipher and see that loving and directing hand.

The letters immediately preceding the Ineffable Name ה-וֹ-ה-יֹare the letters סודהד, and that directly following it is כוזו, add up to 61, the numerical equivalent of the word אוני. I!

God's essence is disguised but ever present.

The אניות, refers to the identity of God, אני, that they will be unable to discern through the tumultuous seas they will travel through.

They will sink into the same delusions of God abandoning them that their ancestors in Egypt sensed.

This is the greatest calamity indeed! (אגרא דכלה כי תבא, בני יששכר מאמרי בני יששכר מאמר דכלה כי תבא, בני יששכר מאמר ג אות טו

The Talmud (ראש השנה יד:) states that seafarers and the unique dangers they face at sea as opposed to others who face the hazards of travel through desert, sickness or imprisonment are deemed יחידים, isolated individuals.

When traveling as a group in the desert they can pool their resources to insure survival. The infirm have the support of family. Prisoners often bond to lift their spirits and resolve to survive. But when one faces the forces of stormy winds and waves upon a ship, one desperately stands alone cleaving to whatever one can to stave off disaster.

In life we all traverse stormy seas struggling to hang on for dear life.

We are all אניות, ships at sea, striving to define ourselves in the face of

challenges that seek to drown and discourage us.

If we see the true \mbox{NK} , the essence of God, accompanying us in our isolation then we can thrive for we are never alone.

The Rambam writes that we call the canopy under which a couple marries a פרקי הצלחה פרק. It stems from the word חוף, the shore. פרקי הצלחה פרק

Two individuals travel on a lonely journey until they finally spot the security of the shore, anchoring their ship safely away from the dangerous waves that seek to inundate them on that isolated trip. They discover each other.

Dovid HaMelech praises God as the One who is מושיב יחידים ביתה (ז תהלים סח), settles the solitary into a family.

The Talmud (סוטה α) says this refers to individuals who are directed towards each other in marriage.

Rabbeinu Bechayei states that a Chosson and Kallah must bring a קרבן ה,חודה, Thanksgiving offering.

Perhaps it is because they have traveled the sea of loneliness facing all its challenges and have been fortunate to arrive to the safety of the port discovering a "first mate" ready to begin a new and magnificent journey together.

There are those who travel that arduous expedition and arrive withered and beaten. But there are those who bring newfound strength they discovered in the course of their voyage and are even more fortified for the mission ahead.

The great Chidushei HaRim points out that if we calculate the number of meals the Chosson and Kallah eat in the course of their seven day celebration, two main meals a day multiplied by seven, it equals fourteen. If we multiply the seven special blessings that are recited at each of these meals we arrive at (14 meals X 7 blessings) 98!

The antidote to the peak of the curses, the אניות מצרים, that sense of forlornness, lies in the power of those יחידים, the ships in the night who have discovered each other, surviving mightily with a consciousness of God's presence that strengthened them to unparalleled growth, never allowing themselves the comfort of defeat.

May we each travel on the passage called life even in those moments we feel so alone, with a heightened sense of the hand of God that guides us lovingly in that trek, finally arriving at the ultimate port of the redemption, speedily in our days!

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