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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Upon hearing the wonderful news that Yosef is alive, Yaakov prepares to go down to Mitzrayim. The רבש"ע appears to him and says מצרים מרדה מצרים אל תירא מרדה מצרים *"Do not be afraid to go to Mitzrayim."*

What was Yaakov's concern, and what was the הבטחה that calmed his fear? The חזקוני says that Yaakov was concerned if he goes to Mitzrayim the שיעבוד would start and all the decrees and oppression relating to the גלות foretold to אברהם would descend on Klal Yisroel. Although the רבש"ע said to Avraham, כי לגוי גדול אשימך, *"[after these hardships] I will make you a great nation,"* the suffering his children would have to endure first still frightened Yaakov.

There is a fascinating ספורנו on this possuk: כי לגוי גדול אשימך "שם".

The רבש"ע tells יעקב אבינו 'Do not be afraid to go to מצרים because it is *only* in מצרים that you will develop into a גוי גדול, a great nation. If you stay here in כנען, eventually your children will intermarry and melt into the society. But in מצרים that cannot happen, because the Egyptians would not let that happen. They don't even share a meal with you, as it say לא יאכלו את העברים לאכול את העברים *"They don't eat with the Jews."* And so you will be protected and be able to become a גוי גדול, *only there* - שם. The Sforno is telling us that Yaakov's fear of living in a land such as Mitzrayim, and giving up his stature in כנען was his bewilderment at how he would be able to raise a nation there? But in fact it's only there, and under those circumstances that our potential could be borne out.

And thus it came to be: as Chazal say on the possuk: יהי "שם" ויהי "שם" לגוי מלמד שהיו מצויינים "שם" *"They became a nation"* teaches us they were outstanding *there*. This is the chazal of שלא שינוי שמו, שמותיהם, לשונם, מלבושם, שמותיהם, clothing or names. We usually understand this as their initiative not to change, but the Sforno relates this chazal to this possuk of שם - there in מצרים they will be outstanding, because the Mitzrim don't eat with them don't fraternize and so the Jew remains alone and outstanding.

R' Simcha Wasserman, whose father ר' אלחנן הי"ד was killed along with his Yeshiva of Branovich, used to say that this is the lesson to the Jew throughout history. When we start to become too close to the גוים, dressing and speaking like them, they decree separation and we go back to the גוי גדול מצויינים to גוי גדול מצויינים. As was the case in Germany when the Nazi regime passed the Nuremberg Laws that Jews must be outstanding in their לבוש with the yellow star, לשונם by not using the gothic script and שמותיהם by being required to have a Jewish name on their passport no matter what.

This, said R' Simcha, a survivor who lost his family, is the הבטחה of שם גדול אשימך שם.

Have a good Shabbos,
יוסף צבי ווייס

SHABBOS ZMANIM

	Candle Lighting.....	4:25 PM
	Shkia.....	4:43 PM
	Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos.....	4:30 PM
	Shacharis.....	7:00, 9:00 AM
	Sof Zman Krias Shema.....	9:40 AM
	Youth Groups.....	9:30 AM KIDS DAVENING 9:45
	Mincha.....	2:00, 4:15 PM
	Maariv.....	5:30 PM

SHUL NEWS

NEW SHIVTI SUGYA The Shivti chabura will begin a new sugya of Kiddush this week continuing the series on Hilchos Shabbos. Now is a great time to join and learn the entire sugya of Kiddush we say every week in an easy and fast-moving format! Monday-Thursday 8:15-9:00, with Maariv at 8:00.

ASARAH B'TEVES will be this Tuesday, December 18. The fast begins at 5:54am and ends at 5:28pm. Mincha will be at 4:15pm with Maariv at 5:05pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nate Ram (Shabbos, December 15)
Elana Wecker (Sunday, December 16)
Orah Maron (Sunday, December 16)
Mira Russ (Monday, December 17)
Yosef Newman (Tuesday, December 18)
Lois Volosov (Wednesday, December 19)
Yaakov Rappaport (Wednesday, December 19)
Mark Siskind (Thursday, December 20)



FAST DAY: ASARAH B'TEVES

Tuesday (December 18)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Menachem & Tzippy Greenfeld (Thursday, 12/20)

COMMUNITY NEWS

BALTIMORE FOR RAMLE would like to thank the community for generously covering the 2017-2018 transportation budget of our partner Chinuch Atzmai schools in Ramle. This year we will once again rise to the challenge of sponsoring even a larger transportation budget. By sponsoring the transportation of a Kiruv student to a Torah School for \$30 monthly / \$360 a year, you are enabling him/her to receive a Torah education, thereby saving him/her and their family from the abyss of a secular life. To contribute please call 410 505-0058 / email baltimore@chinuchatzmai.org / or visit www.chinuchatzmai.org/baltimore

SHIDDUCH CENTER The Shidduch Center of Baltimore invites the entire community to a special evening of unity. The event will feature a unique perspective from Rabbi YY Jacobson on how we can all be involved in alleviating the challenges that face those who are in shidduchim. Light refreshments will be served. Event to take place Sunday night, Dec. 16, 8pm at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. There is no charge to attend this event.

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KOL HANEARIM.....\$72 HOT KIDDUSH.....\$360
SHALOSH SEUDOS...\$100 NER LAMEOR.....~ \$1400

WEEKDAY ZMANIM

Shacharis.....6:55, 7:30, 8:20 AM
 Sunday Shacharis..... 9:00 AM
 Mincha.....1:25, 3:05 PM
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:30 PM
 Maariv.....8:00, 9:45, 10:45 PM

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM

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LEARNING	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	שבת
Shabbos Chumash & Chassidus							8:30 AM
Early Morning Kollel		6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	9:00 AM
Daf Yomi (w/ Rabbi Weiss)	7:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	
Daf Yomi (w/ Rabbi Bergman)	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	
B'nei Yissoscher	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב		
Kollel Mekadshei Shevi'i							7:00-10:00 PM
Kol Hanearim							7:00 PM
Shivti Chabura (כבוד ועוגן שבת)	9:00 AM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM		
Night Kollel (עבודה זרה)		8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM		
Blatt-A-Week Shiur (ערכין)		9:00-9:45 PM	9:00-9:45 PM	9:00-9:45 PM			
Sforno on Chumash Shiur					10:00 PM		
Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur	<i>Women's Shiur by Rabbi Weiss on significance of the Hebrew month. Date & time to be announced monthly.</i>						