

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

We have gone through an uplifting חודש ניסן which is packed with Mitzvos and Minhagim. If you look back in great detail at this month you realize that it was truly a great journey. Ultimately, the journey started after Purim, but the main part of the journey started at the onset of חודש ניסן.

Now we are reaching the last day of חודש ניסן and some people may feel a bit of a letdown. After all Chazal tell us “בניסן עתידין ל”ליגא-ל”, and the Chafetz Chaim told Rav Schwab that in Nissan a person should have a much greater anticipation for the Geula.

However, as we have seen in the past, the climax in ruchniyus is a most special time. Also, if we look around at current events, Israel has just stormed Raffa, and the silly Russian-Ukrainian war continues to escalate to dangerous proportions. All of this should give us the fortitude and chizuk to not let up in our tefillos and our tzipisa l'yeshua, to yearn for the geulah.

The ערוך השולחן in Hilchos ראש חודש says something fascinating. He says the reason why we say הלל on Rosh Chodesh is because we

have Bitachon that Moshiach is coming and we are already singing שירה. These words are simply unbelievable.

The truth is that if you analyze the הלל, besides for all the awesome praises you will see that it is loaded with tefillos and yearning for the geula.

The first Perek we say מקימי מעפר דל מאשפות ירים אביון להושיבי עם נדיבים. There couldn't be a better description of what is going to transpire when Hashem takes us out, similar to Yetzias Mitzraim.

חפץ - 'לא לנו ה' לא לנו brings down that this is going on the war between גוג ומגוג. I would like to add on that the קליפה of גוג is כוחי ועוצם ידי גאווה. However, we acknowledge that לא לנו ה' לא לנו.

The Perek of מה אשיב בית of yearning for the המקדש so we can once again show our love and appreciation for the overwhelming Chassadim that Hashem has done, and is constantly doing for us. In this פרק we are yearning for the Bais Hamikdash so we can bring a קרבן תודה to be able to show our appreciation.

Therefore, now is an opportune time to beg Hashem to return us to the Bais Hamikdash. So we beg Hashem 'לך אזבח זבח תודה 'וגו' בחצרות בית ה yearning to bring the Todah in the Bais Hamikdash once again.

The Passuk of הללו את ה' כל גוים is talking about ימות משיח when all the nations will praise Hashem for all the חסד that he will be doing for us. On a simple level we can say that when the nations of the world will see how much we endured in the long Galus and despite all this we remained faithful to Hashem, they will praise Hashem for the Chessed that He will do for us. At that time they will all agree that we are deserving of all the חסד. There are other explanations as well.

The Perek of מן המצר is packed with the הגאולה ענין. It discusses the situation we are currently in which is חבלי משיח. A מצר is referred to a situation where it gets very narrow, and there is nowhere to go. It gets even more descriptive as we say כל גוים סבבוני, we are surrounded by the nations of the world which we call anti-semitism.

We see also acknowledge however, that there is a way out, and that is through

ה' לי לא Bitachon, as we say
אירא מה יעשה לי אדם. This
is something we should be
working on these days,
especially during these
turbulent times.

פתחו לי שערי צדק We sing
We are davening and
yearning that Hashem
should open the doors to
the Bais Hamikdash.

If you look at the
Meforshim you will see how
they interpret all this on our
time and the time of the
Geula. At the conclusion we
say זה היום עשה ה' נגילה
בו. ונשמחה בו. We hope to see
that day very, very soon.

אנא ה' הושיענו
נא we should cry out to
Hashem to save us from
Galus as the Abarbanel and
others explain.

My friends, imagine the
following scenario. Imagine
a Gadol would get up and
say that whoever would
play lotto in a certain
month would have a bigger
chance of winning. He is
not promising any winners,
he is merely stating that
the chances are much
greater.

We can only imagine what
the lotto stores would look
like during this month.
People would be running
back to keep trying that
perhaps today would be his
lucky day. Many stores
would have long lines out

the door to purchase
tickets.

Rabbosai! When Mashiach
comes, the lottery will be a
child's play. No one will be
even interested in it
for many reasons. Firstly,
there will be such an
abundance of all the
goodness of this world as
the Navi [and the Ramban]
tells us. Furthermore, we
will become so elevated in
spirituality and
understanding in Torah
that it will not interest us.
Our love and closeness to
Hashem will be stronger
than ever.

In fact the Bais Halevi
writes that the ultimate
rechush gadol that Hashem
promised Avraham Avinu
was referring to the time of
the Geula. This is
fascinating.

So how can we squander
such a day? We need to
beg Hashem for the Geula
today. We should storm
the heavens during
Shemonei Esrei by the
Brachos that we daven for
Moshiach.

May Hashem hear our
tefillos and answer our
Tefillos and whisk us to
Yiruashalayim al kanfei
nisharim Amein

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