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Each of Yaakov's children were assigned a place around his coffin,
To carry him to Eretz Yisrael, his final destination.
Yosef and Levi were the exception,
Since Yosef was a king and Levi's children would carry the Aron in a future generation.

To carry their father's coffin was a Mitzvah obligation,
Especially for Yosef who took an oath to bury his father out of Mitzrayim.
Therefore Menashe and Efraim were their Shluchim,
To take their place in the funeral procession.

We understand that Menashe could replace his father,
To understand the connection between Levi and Yosef's son, Efraim, we need to look deeper.
Moshe Rabeinu who is a descendant of Kehos, the son of Levi, and the redeemer,
Was the one to get the coffin of Yosef out of the Nile River.

The difference between Yaakov's coffin and Yosef's coffin is clear to see,
Yaakov's coffin represented the beginning of the exile and the slavery.
While Yosef's coffin represented the beginning of redemption and victory!
Which fits the identities of both Yosef and Shevet Levi.

Yosef and Shevet Levi teach us methods two,
For how to persevere in Galus and carry through.
We must rise above the challenges and darkness like Yosef the king,
Because Hashem is the only boss and Creator of everything!

We must lift ourselves up like a king so that to Hashem we can connect,
This is why Yosef named his son Menashe which means forget.
Yosef didn't allow himself to forget his connection with his home or his father as long as he did
live,
Therefore, to carry the coffin, Menashe was his representative.

It's not enough to rise above the Galus night,
We must transform the darkness into light.
Shevet Levi taught the Yidden Torah and inspired them to find meaning in their pain,
They transformed the world and the wealth of Mitzrayim they all did gain.

Efraim means to multiply and be fruitful,
The objective of Galus is to transform the world into a garden for Hashem that is so beautiful.
Therefore, Efraim was the one to take Levi's place,
Through Torah the world changes for the good and Hashem we embrace.

Yosef and Shevet Levi were above the Galus it is true,
And therefore to participate in carrying Yaakov's coffin wasn't something that they could do,
But they needed emissaries so that they would have the ability,
To have an influence on their brothers, to elevate and transform the world and be set free!
