

ONE POINT

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לקוטי שיחות חלק יז, שיחה ב לחג הפסח

~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht ז"ל אלימלך ל"ר ~

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

*** free * need * מה נשתנה * מגיד * גאולה ***

QUESTIONS:

As we sit down to the סדר on פסח night, even before we ask the _____, there are a number of questions that arise, including:

1. Since די redeemed us from מצרים, how is it that we are in גלות now?
2. We left מצרים with great wealth. Why are there Jews today who lack what they need?
3. In fact, how can we celebrate זמן חרותנו, the time of our freedom, if we are in גלות?

ANSWER:

The answer to these 3 questions can be found in the very first paragraph of _____:

1. – הוא לחמא עניא די אכלו אבהתנא בארעא דמצרים

“This is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt”.

Although we eat מצה today to remember the מצה that the Jewish people ate **after** they left מצרים, we say this is the מצה they ate **in** מצרים, because, in a sense, they never fully left “מצרים”, because **יצאת מצרים was not a complete** _____.

2. **This explains why there might be Jews in _____, and whom we must help.**

– כל דכפין ייתי ויכל, כל דצריך ייתי ויפסח

“Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat. Whoever is in need, let him come and conduct the Seder of Pesach”.

3. **And yet, we can – and do – celebrate, because יציאת מצרים started the process, and set us on a path that leads us to the גאולה האמיתית והשלימה**

– השתא הקא, לשנה הבאה בארעא דישׂראל, השתא עבדין, לשנה הבאה בני חורין

“This year we are here; next year we will be in ישראל. This year we are slaves; next year we will be _____ people.

Further discussion:

➤ Which other questions on the הגדה could be answered with this explanation? (See אותיות ב-ח in the שיחה)