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Miketz, Sicha 2 (First Sicha of the week)

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The Sicha explains the order of Rashi, that only after Yosef hears from Binyomin about his pain over Yosef, as evidenced by what he named his ten sons, does Yosef fill with the warmest compassion for his brother. Spiritually, Yosef refers to the Jewish people, and Binyomin alludes to the soul. When Yosef (a Yid) realizes the great descent of his soul, and all its ten faculties, into the darkness of our world, he is filled with a warm Rachmanus-compassion towards his Neshama.

The Cry of a Child

The previous Rebbe relates an occurrence from his childhood: It happened, when I was still a Talmid of R' Nissan, my father spoke at length during a Thursday night's study session in Chassidus, in the little Minyan room, and wept profusely.

What he said I did not understand, but the few words I heard ("How sorry – Rachmanusdik-is the plight of our Neshama!") and his inward weeping, touched me so deeply that sitting on a bench, near the door, I broke into tears.

During Friday Morning's Davening I felt spiritually aroused and read Tehillim. And that day, somehow, my games lacked their accustomed fun and excitement. (Likkutei Dibburim – English – Vol. 3, page 270).

Why the Philanthropist Cried

Reb Zalman Levin related: I once heard the noted philanthropist Reb Shmuel Gurary crying profusely when he was reciting during davening “With Your abundant mercy have compassion on us”.

This touched me deeply, as in material matters he lacked nothing, so he was certainly crying over spiritual matters and the plight of his Neshama! (Reb Zalman Duchman in Lismoa Ozen).
