

**Use these words to fill in the blanks:**

\* **יִסָּף** \* **connected** \* **forever** \* **spiritual** \* **sustained** \*

**IN THE PARSHAH:**

In פרשת ויגש we learn that יוסף \_\_\_\_\_ his father, יעקב, as well as his brothers and their families during the years of the famine in מצרים.

For this reason, the Yidden are actually referred to by his name, as we see in פרק פי' of תהלים: תהלים פי' – נהג בצאן יוסף – Hashem leads his nation, “יוסף”, like a shepherd leads his flock.

**QUESTION:**

Why are the Yidden \_\_\_\_\_ called by יוסף's name, when he only provided for them during a relatively short period of time, many years ago?

**ANSWER:**

יוסף didn't only sustain his brothers and their families by providing food for them during the years of physical famine in מצרים. Rather, he gave them – and us – the ability to sustain ourselves during the \_\_\_\_\_ famine of גלות, throughout our history.

Unlike his brothers who were shepherds, and lived a spiritual life in a secluded environment, apart from the Egyptians, יוסף was actively involved with the Egyptians as he oversaw everything in מצרים, and yet he remained a צדיק, deeply connected to Hashem at all times.

So יוסף gives us the ability as well to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to Hashem, even in גלות, regardless of the environment or circumstances.

Since it is the special power of \_\_\_\_\_ that sustains us at all times in the spiritual famine that we encounter in גלות, we are always called by his name, נהג בצאן יוסף.

**Further discussion:**

Why are the Yidden called by the name יוסף specifically in **this** פרק of תהלים?

(See שיחה ג אות ג in the שיחה)

