



בס"ד

Dear and beloved community,

In a few hours we will be entering the "zman cheruteinu."

All chagim are times when the Jewish family gathers together around the holiday table. But Pesach is the most special of all holidays. There are no words that can describe the magical atmosphere that exists at the Seder table with families sitting around it, men and women, adults and children.

But this year, to our great regret, in many homes in the people of Israel, the joy of the holiday will not be complete, and it will be accompanied by great pain.

Many parents whose children were used to asking them every year "Mah Nishatana," will not get to hear the questions from the children this year, because their children who grew up and became heroic and righteous soldiers, were killed for the people of Israel and the Land of Israel.

Many little children who waited all year to ask their parents "Mah Nishatana," will not get to ask their father, because their father was killed in the battles, and he will not return from the war.

Many more families will not celebrate the Seder at home, because they will be in hospitals near their injured loved ones.

The families of the abductees will also not be able to sit around the Seder table like last year, because all their thoughts are occupied with their loved ones who were abducted in Gaza.

And thousands more evacuated families will be forced to celebrate Pesach far from their homes.

This complex situation requires us to deepen the meaning of the Seder night.

On Seder night we celebrate the birth of the nation of Israel. The whole purpose of the people of Israel is to bring bracha to the world. And precisely because of all the good that the people of Israel bring to the world, there is deep-seated hatred towards the people of Israel.

"ובכל דור ודור עומדים עלינו לכלותנו"

But we don't despair. We are sure and know that "הקב"ה מצילנו מידים", and the end, the good prevails over the bad. And we are full of gratitude to the Lord of the world that we were privileged to be part of the wonderful nation of Israel.

When we sit this year at the seder table with our family, and tell the story of Yitziyat Mitzrayim and sing Hallel, we will also do it for those who unfortunately did not get to do it this year, and we will pray from the bottom of our hearts to the Ribono shel Olam to fill the needs and shortcomings that each and every one of the people of Israel needs spiritually and physically.

May we be granted that the words of the prophet Micah be fulfilled in us - "כִּי־מִי צִאתְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם אֶרְאֶנּוּ - and be granted a complete redemption easily and quickly! Chag kasher v'sameach!