



בס"ד

Dear and beloved community,

(תענית דף כט) "משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה" and it is written in Hasidic books that in a leap year the joy begins on the first Adar, so from this very night we should double our joy.

But how is it possible this year to be a מרבין בשמחה while we are in the midst of a long war with dead, wounded, and kidnapped?

Indeed, in the situation we are in, it is impossible and feels wrong to be happy, in the superficial and external sense of the word. This is not the time for a life of partying and nonsense.

But even in the situation we are in, and perhaps precisely in the situation we are in, it is possible and necessary to experience true, deep, and inner joy.

*Glad that we were privileged to be Jews and to be on the good and just side of the war.*

*I am happy that by God's grace we have a strong army and a country that is the beginning of the Geulah.*

*Glad that despite the terrible things we went through on Simchat Torah, we were able to get up, fight back and hit the enemy.*

*Glad that we were lucky that our children's generation is so special and wonderful.*

*I am happy that we have a young generation of brave warriors and heroes who fight with dedication for the people of Israel, the Land of Israel, and the Torah of Israel.*

*Joy that we believe with certainty, that although for now light and darkness are mixed in our world, at the end of the process, the world will reach its complete redemption.*

These 'joys' are what give us strength to face the challenges and difficulties we face.

The month of Adar, which is celebrated with joy, is the month before the month of Nissan, which is the month of redemption.

The order of the months is surprising and can teach us a deep concept.

The order is not that first of all there is redemption and because of redemption there is joy, but on the contrary, there is joy and from that comes redemption. Joy precedes redemption. Joy that comes from a deep place in the soul is preparation and causes redemption to come.

May we be blessed to have a good month full of true joy and good news for all the people of Israel!