



This last week produced many hidden things that will only start to become evident this coming week. We are going to move towards the Leil Haseder sluggishly, dragging our feet under a pressure that we will not understand and not realize where its coming from. Very few people will feel the joy of the coming Chag in their hearts. It will be like a huge weight on them. There are several reasons for this that are obvious and

reasons that are not obvious. Many of the Frum Yidden don't have the financial means to keep up with the demands of making Pesach. When Pesach is on the horizon the average Yid has to figure out where he is going to get for himself the enormous amounts of funds that he needs to get through this Yom Tov with his honor intact. Even the poorest of Jews have to keep up with the Schwartzs, as they say, and even though charity is given out in the form of food, money, clothing and entertainment, still many Yidden after Pesach are left more in debt then they have ever been. The whole world has turned into one big Avodah Zorah and the Frum Yidden are also caught up in this mad situation.

When we finally sit down to Leil Haseder we are usually so exhausted and so down because of all of the Chovos (debts) and all of the efforts that we have put into this one night plus the rest of the Yom Tov that we can barely keep our eyes open and keep us from being frightened of what will be our Matzav after the Chag is over. There are Yidden that have enough Gashmius to be lavish with their needs and desires for the Chag. Many of these Seders are without the depth or the meaning that they are supposed to have in order to bring us out of Mitzrayim. Also these relatively few Jews who still have enough money to be very extreme in their honoring Yom Tov set the standards for everybody else who definitely can't afford it. Our Yomim Tovim are also celebrated in many instances more similarly to the celebration of a Goyisha Avodah Zora then an Emesdik expression of an attachment to Hakadosh Boruch Hu and His Torah. Of course, there are people, not very many that may not have the most elaborate table or the most elaborate food but their Seder is sweeter to Hashem then all the silver and gold that can be laid out for everyone to see. There are Yidden still, Boruch Hashem, that when they sit at the Seder table Yom Tov night they really feel with all their hearts and souls that they are leaving Mitzrayim.

Am Yisroel, I already feel that this Leil Haseder will be very different. In some ways it will be very similar to the original Yetzias Mitzrayim because we are slaves, at least most Yidden are slaves, to the Egel Hazahav and we have for the most part forgotten our true connection with Hakadosh Boruch Hu. We don't feel Him or know Him the

way we should. We go through the motions of the Mitzvos but many of us do it without heart and soul. For many Yidden when I say heart and soul they don't know how to connect into that feeling, to love Hashem which is to connect with Hashem with our souls and our bodies.

We now are still in Mitzrayim! We have to leave and there is not much time! Those who understand what I have been saying will probably suffer less because they will be so happy to leave a place where Hashem is not so very welcomed and become total servants of the Hakol Yachol, Hakadosh Boruch Hu. If we do this then we will not need anything but the most basic Gashmius and if we manage to reach that point each Jew individually inside himself will know the Truth and will be Zoche to great Moshiach Tzidkainu. It is not easy, especially if you are tied in mind and body to the Egel Hazahav. Each person now has to break the chains that are holding him in slavery and come running to Hakadosh Boruch Hu who is waiting for us Kivyachol with open arms, waiting for His wayward children to come back to Him. Waiting for His sons and daughters to stop wanting to be slaves to the Yetzer Hora and wanting to turn Yiddishkeit into Goyishkeit with a Kapel (Yarmulka) and Tzitzis and come running to their Father in Heaven in total humility and with broken hearts, begging Him to forgive them and take them back as His children.

Our near future is going to be a very hard time. Financial collapse, world war and very many other changes that almost seem impossible to get through will plague us. However, Hashem will open up the sea and bring His true Yidden through the waters safely from the Gehenom that we are living in now under the control of the Yetzer Hora to the freedom on the other shore where the greatest pleasure in the world is only to serve Hashem and this will save us for all eternity.