



Table Talk Shabbat Hagadol

There are many places in the Haggadah text where we can learn about empathy. Here are some.

הגדה של פסח, מגיד, עשרת המכות

אלו עשר מכות שהביא הקדוש ברוך הוא על-
המצרים במצרים, ואלו הן:

Pesach Haggadah, Magid, The Ten Plagues

These are [the] ten plagues that the Holy One, blessed be He, brought on the Egyptians in Egypt and they are:

It is customary to remove a drop of wine as we recount the plagues. Our cup cannot be totally filled with joy as our liberation involved the suffering of the Egyptians (Don Yitzchak Abravanel, Rabbi Shamshon Refael Hirsch)

הגדה של פסח, מגיד, כנגד ארבעה בנים

ברוך המקום, ברוך הוא, ברוך שנתן תורה לעמו
ישראל, ברוך הוא. כנגד ארבעה בנים דברה תורה: אחד
חכם, ואחד רשע, ואחד תם, ואחד שאינו יודע לשאול.

Pesach Haggadah, Magid, The Four Sons

Blessed is the Place [of all], Blessed is He; Blessed is the One who Gave the Torah to His people Israel, Blessed is He. Corresponding to four sons did the Torah speak; one [who is] wise, one [who is] evil, one who is innocent and one who doesn't know to ask.

"Every child should be taught Torah in a way that will resonate with them."

(Rabbi Shamshon Rafael Hirsch)

הגדה של פסח, מגיד, ארמי אבד אבי

ויצאנו ה' ממצרים. לא עלינו מלאך, ולא עלינו
שרף, ולא עלינו שליח, אלא הקדוש ברוך הוא בכבודו
ובעצמו. שנאמר: ועברתי בארץ מצרים בלילה הזה,
והכיתי כל-בכור בארץ מצרים מאדם ועד בהמה, ובכל
אלהי מצרים אעשה שפטים. אני ה'.

Pesach Haggadah, Magid, First Fruits Declaration

"And the Lord took us out of Egypt" - not through an angel and not through a seraph and not through a messenger, but [directly by] the Holy One, blessed be He, Himself, as it is stated (Exodus 12:12); "And I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and I will smite every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from men to animals; and with all the gods of Egypt, I will make judgements, I am the Lord."

Not by means of an angel, nor by means of a Saraf...but by means of the Holy One through His own glory... I am the Lord – and not another: Why was God willing to personally redeem Israel from Egypt? ... the Source of Compassion above was aroused within God and could not destroy the nation (for their sins of Avodah Zara) ... This place of this compassion is highly exalted so that even the angels cannot fully attain this type of compassion. It was with this compassion that Israel was redeemed.

-The Pintele Yid

Let's Talk!

- How does recognizing the suffering of the Egyptians cultivate empathy in us?
- Why should we recognize the suffering of people, even if they hurt us so much?
- What do we learn from Hashem when we read that without a messenger, Hashem saw our pain and intervened to save us?
- How does appreciating every child as different demonstrate empathy?
- How can you show empathy to others during Pesach?



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