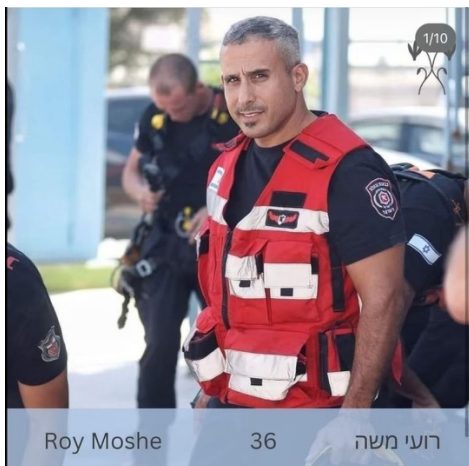


The first orphan baby girl of the Iron Swords War The widow of Roi Moshe HY"D, who was killed on Simchas Torah when he went out to save his brothers and sisters, gave birth tonight, Rosh Chodesh Shevat, to a healthy baby girl who she named Gili. This was the name her father z'l chose for her before he was killed r'l. The emotional widow told me about the incredibly difficult experience of having to have a baby without her husband. "It was hard mentally and physically... I heard my husband talking to me and I cried out to Hashem to please bring Mashiach already so I can see my husband once again!" We just began the month of Shevat. The letters of Shevat are Shin, Beis, Tes. שבט. Perhaps we can say that it stands for: שִׁנְשַׁמַּע ב'שׁוֹרוֹת ט'וֹבוֹת May we hear good news Baruch Hashem the month has begun with a big simcha. Mazel tov! Thanks to you we are helping her with all of her needs. A nurse, a new stroller, babysitters, a place to relax and recover once she leaves the hospital and any other needs that may arise. I am sending you a picture of the new baby girl and a video of my recent visit to this widow. Love Shai



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Mishneh Torah Hilchos Teshuva 5:1-3

רְשׁוֹת לְכָל אָדָם נְתוּנָה. אִם רָצָה לְהַטּוֹת עַצְמוֹ לְדֶרֶךְ טוֹבָה וְלִהְיוֹת צַדִּיק הַרְשׁוֹת בְּיָדוֹ. וְאִם רָצָה לְהַטּוֹת עַצְמוֹ לְדֶרֶךְ רָעָה וְלִהְיוֹת רָשָׁע הַרְשׁוֹת בְּיָדוֹ. הוּא שְׂכָתוֹב בְּתוֹרָה (בראשית ג כב) "הוּא הָאָדָם הֵיךְ כָּאָחַד מִמֶּנּוּ לְדַעַת טוֹב וְרָע". כְּלוֹמֵר הוּא מִיֹּזֵה שֶׁל אָדָם הֵיךְ יַחֲדֵי בְּעוֹלָם וְאִין מִיֹּן שְׁנֵי דוּמָה לּוֹ בְּזֵה הָעֵנִין שְׁיֵהָ הוּא מִעַצְמוֹ בְּדַעַתוֹ וּבְמַחְשַׁבְתּוֹ יוֹדֵעַ הַטּוֹב וְהָרַע וְעוֹשֶׂה כָּל מַה שֶׁהוּא חָפֵץ וְאִין מִי שְׁיַעֲכַב בְּיָדוֹ מִלְּעֲשׂוֹת הַטּוֹב אוֹ הָרַע. וְכִיּוֹן שֶׁכֵּן הוּא פֶּן יִשְׁלַח יָדוֹ

אֵל יַעֲבֵר בְּמַחְשַׁבְתּוֹ דְּבַר זֶה שְׂאוּמְרִים טַפְשֵׁי אַמּוֹת הָעוֹלָם וְרַב גְּלַמֵּי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁהִקְדוּשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא גּוֹזֵר עַל הָאָדָם מִתַּחֲלַת בְּרִיתוֹ לִהְיוֹת צַדִּיק אוֹ רָשָׁע. אִין הַדְּבָר כֵּן אֵלָּא כָּל אָדָם רְאוּי לּוֹ לִהְיוֹת צַדִּיק כְּמֹשֶׁה רַבֵּנוֹ אוֹ רָשָׁע כְּיִרְבֵּעַם אוֹ חָכָם אוֹ סָכָל אוֹ רַחֲמָן אוֹ אַכְזָרִי אוֹ כִּילִי אוֹ שׁוֹעַ וְכוּן שְׂאָר כָּל הַדַּעוֹת. וְאִין לּוֹ מִי שְׁיִכְפְּהוּ וְלֹא גּוֹזֵר עֲלָיו וְלֹא מִי שְׂמוֹשְׁכוֹ לְאַחַד מִשְׁנֵי הַדְּרָכִים אֵלָּא הוּא מִעַצְמוֹ וּמִדַּעַתוֹ נוֹטֵה לְאִי זֶה

דָּרַךְ שִׁירְצָה. הוּא שִׁירְמִיָּהוּ אָמַר (איכה ג לח) "מִפִּי עֲלִיּוֹן לֹא תֵצֵא הַרְעוֹת וְהַטּוֹב". כְּלוֹמַר אֵין הַבּוֹרָא גּוֹזֵר עַל הָאָדָם לִהְיוֹת טוֹב וְלֹא לִהְיוֹת רַע. וְכִיּוֹן שֶׁכֵּן הוּא נִמְצָא זֶה הַחוּטָא הוּא הַפְּסִיד אֶת עֲצָמוֹ. וּלְפִיכָךְ רָאוּי לוֹ לִבְכוּת וּלְקוֹנוֹ עַל חֲטָאֵיו וְעַל מַה שֶּׁעָשָׂה לְנַפְשׁוֹ וּגְמֻלָּה רָעָה. הוּא שֶׁכְּתוּב אַחֲרָיו (איכה ג לט) "מֵה יִתְאוּנוּ אָדָם חַי" וְגו'. וְחִזֵּר וְאָמַר הוֹאִיל וּרְשׁוּתֵנוּ בְּיָדֵינוּ וּמִדַּעַתְנוּ עֲשִׂינוּ כָּל הַרְעוֹת רָאוּי לָנוּ לְחִזֵּר בְּתִשׁוּבָה וְלַעֲזֹב רְשָׁעֵנוּ שֶׁהָרְשׁוֹת עִתָּהּ בְּיָדֵינוּ. הוּא שֶׁכְּתוּב אַחֲרָיו (איכה ג מ) "נִחַפְּשָׁה דְרָכֵינוּ וְנִחְקְרָה וְנִשׁוּבָה" וְגו'.

וְדָבָר זֶה עָקֹר גָּדוֹל הוּא וְהוּא עֲמוּד הַתּוֹרָה וְהַמְצוּהָ שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (דברים ל טו) "רָאֵה נִתְתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ הַיּוֹם אֶת הַחַיִּים". וְכִתִּיב (דברים יא כו) "רָאֵה אֲנֹכִי נֹתֵן לְפָנֶיכֶם הַיּוֹם". כְּלוֹמַר שֶׁהָרְשׁוֹת בְּיָדְכֶם. וְכָל שִׁיחֲפֵץ הָאָדָם לַעֲשׂוֹת מִמַּעֲשֵׂה בְּנֵי הָאָדָם עוֹשֶׂה בֵּין טוֹבִים בֵּין רָעִים. וּמִפְּנֵי זֶה הָעֲנִין נֶאֱמַר (דברים ה כו) "מִי יִתֵּן וְהָיָה לְבָבְךָ זֶה לָהֶם". כְּלוֹמַר שֶׁאֵין הַבּוֹרָא כּוֹפֵה בְּנֵי הָאָדָם וְלֹא גּוֹזֵר עֲלֵיהֶן לַעֲשׂוֹת טוֹבָה אוֹ רָעָה אֲלֵא הַכֹּל מִסּוּר לָהֶם

**Sivan Rahav-Meir / The Daily Portion / Messages from the Greenglick family* * Translation by Yehoshua Siskin (yehoshua.siskin@gmail.com)*

*Shalom Sivan, I am the mother of *Shauli Greenglick* who fell in Gaza 14 days ago. There are a few important things I want to say, especially at this difficult time. We took a trip with the kids to the Arava in order to catch our breath and have been staying at the Rash Hasita lodge. My husband and two sons are saying Kaddish for Shauli but there is no synagogue here. My daughter Michal posted our dilemma on an Arava Facebook group and since then people have made sure that we have a minyan three times each day. People from the moshavs of Hazeva and Ein Yahav have been coming. It's very inspiring. My husband says a little bit about Shauli before each prayer, but people are not only coming to pray with us. They are offering massages, breakfast meals, day trips, organic vegetables, you name it. The nation of Israel inspires us more every day.*

Looking back, those at the Shiva who touched our hearts the most were actually people who did not know Shauli. People from Be'er Sheva, from the Golan, from London, and from Herzliya who came just to say thank you. Just to embrace and share in our pain. I do not listen to news or read newspapers in order that this embrace that I felt should not wear off. I know that this embrace from our nation is strong, and no one can make me think otherwise. So I say thank you to the nation of Israel as I gather strength from all of you, my brothers and sisters.

I posted for our family's chat group words that you recently wrote about how we can choose to tell our story. In my opinion, this is important for all of us to think about. Despite the fact that his brothers sold him, despite his ending up in an Egyptian prison, Yosef made the choice to reframe the events of his life in a positive way. Not to be a victim but to find a mission, to look at reality in a positive light, and to think about why he got here and how he could contribute. I wrote to my family that we too can choose and dream as Yosef did.

May everyone hear good news, Ruti, mother of Shauli