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Yom Kippur

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It was Erev Yom Kippur, and like Yidden everywhere, the inmates in the Jerusalem Prison were enjoying the *Seudah Hamafsekes* before the fast began. The tables in the dining room were full of delicious roast chicken, golden schnitzel, french fries, kugels, salads, and fruit platters. Rav Volender had requested that the prison kitchen prepare delicious and filling food and the prisoners were busy partaking in the scrumptious feast.

Rav Volender too was partaking in the *seudah*, when he noticed that somebody was missing.

"Kobi," Rav Volender said, turning to an inmate sitting nearby. "Where is Tzadok? I don't see him anywhere."

Kobi swallowed his food before answering. "I think I saw him sitting on the other side of the room, in the corner."

"Thank you, Kobi," said Rav Volender as he stood up and looked around. After a minute of looking, he spotted him, sitting on the floor near the door.

Rav Volender hurried over to where Tzadok was sitting and holding a dry piece of bread.

"Tzadok, why are you sitting on the floor and eating stale bread?" he asked. "Don't you see that we are having a beautiful and delicious seudah?"

"I do see that," replied Tzadok. "And I don't understand how anyone can be enjoying themselves at a time like this, right before the saddest day of the year."

"Saddest day of the year???" exclaimed Rav Volender incredulously. "It's not Tish'a B'av - Yom Kippur is one of the happiest days of the year!"

"How could it be happy?" Tzadok asked miserably, a tear trickling down his cheek. "Besides for the fact that I have to go for a whole day without eating, this is the day Hashem is going to punish me for all of the *aveirot* that I did! For trying to make a *Parah Adumah* by painting a cow red so I could sell its milk, for not wanting to be with Yidden on Lag Ba'omer, and for drinking all of the prison's honey Erev Rosh Hashanah."

Rav Volender looked surprised. "That's why there was no honey to put on our apples on Rosh Hashanah night? Actually, never mind that right now - we'll discuss that another time. But Yom Kippur isn't about punishment, Tzadok. It's the time Hashem gets rid of all of your *aveiros*."

"Gets rid of them?" asked Tzadok, perplexed. "You mean I can sell my latest *segulot* to people right now and tomorrow Hashem will make it like it didn't happen?"

"Well no," Rav Volender said. "It's never okay to do an *aveirah*. But if you truly feel bad about the things you did wrong, decide to change your ways, and ask Hashem for forgiveness, then Hashem erases your *aveiros*.

"You see, Tzadok, Hashem doesn't want to punish us. Hashem created us to reward us. And Hashem gives us this special day of Yom Kippur to change our ways and when we do that, he forgives us for the things we do wrong."

Tzadok slowly stood up and his hungry stomach gave a loud growl. As he looked around at all of the yummy food on the tables, Rav Volender continued.

"Now of course, we can't eat on Yom Kippur itself, but Yom Kippur is a tremendous *simcha*. So instead we have our *seudas Yom Tov* today, not just to give us energy to fast and *daven*, but to celebrate the tremendous *chessed* that Hashem does for us by giving us a day to correct our ways and rid ourselves of our *aveiros*."

"Thank you, Rebbi," Tzadok said. "If Hashem will really forgive me for all of the many *aveirot* that I've done, that really is a reason to be happy. I hope there is still some schnitzel left - it's my favorite!"

And with that, Tzadok hurried off to find an empty seat so he could celebrate the wonderful day of *slicha*, *mechila*, and *kapparah* that was fast approaching.

Have A Wonderful Shabbos!

Takeaway:

Yom Kippur is a day of happiness. On Yom Kippur we will spend some time being grateful to Hashem for giving us such great gifts.

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