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Don't Just Cry, Do Something!

Yosef and his brothers were finally reunited. Yosef and Binyomin fell on each other's necks and cried.



Rashi says that Yosef cried for the *Beis Hamikdash* that will be built in Binyomin's portion of *Eretz Yisroel*, and will later be destroyed. Binyomin cried for the *mishkan Shiloh* that will be built in Yosef's portion of *Eretz Yisroel*, and will later be destroyed.

Question - Why did Yosef and Binyomin each cry for the other's portion and not their own?

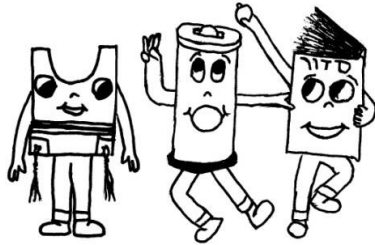
Answer - When a fellow *Yid* is in trouble, we can try to help him, but at the end of the day, he will need to take action. Once we did our part, all we can - and should do, is feel his pain and even cry for his sorrow.

With our own troubles, however, we can't just cry, we must actually **do something** about it!

It is for this reason that Yosef and Binyomin cried for each other's sorrow, but not their own. For their own sorrow, they still had work to do!

Lesson - The *yetzer hara* has many tricks to stop us from doing *mitzvos*. One of his tricks is, to make us feel sad about the *aveiros* we did, discouraging us from doing the next *mitzva*.

For example, if we forgot to say *berachos* one morning, the *yetzer hara* will say the next

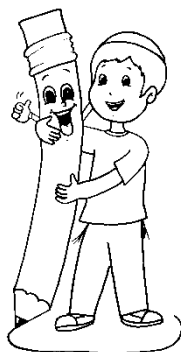


day, "How can you *daven* when yesterday you didn't even say *berachos*?" We must remember, that our mission in this world is to do *mitzvos*. If we did something wrong, we correct it, do *teshuva*, and quickly move on to do the next *mitzva*!

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Let's Review...



What does this week's *parsha* speak about?

What question do we have?

What is the answer?

What lesson can we learn from this week's *parsha*?
