



A Word From The Rabbi & The Rebbetzin

Dear friend, We hope all is well. Pesach (Passover) is just two weeks away, scroll down to order your Pesach (Passover) Seder dinner, or to join a seder and for all your holiday needs. Pesach (Passover) is all about freedom. It empowers our nation and each of us as individuals to reach our potential as Jews and human beings. Along with freedom from Egypt came our commitment to serve Hashem (G-d) and observe His commandments. This hardly seems like freedom. Haven't we merely replaced one servitude with another?

"Freedom doesn't mean the ability to do all that I please. Freedom means experiencing complete self-actualization; living life true to my core self." - The Rebbe

Is the addict who insists on expressing his freedom by using his drug of choice truly free? Or is he in fact enslaved by the substance and his emotional dependence on it? Is the individual who wants to express his freedom by ending his own life Hashem ((G-d) forbid) in fact free or is he enslaved to the depression that brought him to this breaking point?

In both cases, rather than encouraging "freedom" to do as he pleases, we as a society take all measures necessary to stop the self-destructive behavior. But how is that right? Aren't we robbing them of their inherent right to freedom?

It's because the true meaning of "[freedom](#)" is not that I'm free to do as I please. Rather, freedom means the ability to fully be "me" - to live life in accordance with my inner core self, as a person and a Jew. When I do that I'm truly free! I'm fully "me" - although it comes with considerable responsibility.

The [12 Step program discovered this truth](#). 6 out of the 12 steps point to the fact that the only path to liberation from the pit of self-doubt is connection to a "[Higher Power](#)". This anchors the person with purpose and a path to discover the [true self and purpose](#). There's nothing more liberating than [that](#).

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Harel & Rebbetzin Gavriela Frye

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