אני לדודי ודודי לי

In last week's Parsha, we read of the great miracles and revelation of Hashem at Har Sinai. If only we could experience Hashem's revelation here and now, I'm sure I would attain much greater levels of connection to Hashem. But now in the depths of Galus when Hashem fulfills the prophesy of, "And I will hide My face from them at that time," what can I do to help myself connect with Hashem?

The following Pasuk in Shir HaShirim, with the explanation of the Seforno, provides us an answer to this question.

[*Klal Yisroel* says to Hashem:] **As a bag of myrrh my beloved is to me, lie between my breasts** – *reveal Your Shechinah upon me as in the past and we will return to You as before*. **…** *Hashem responds:* **Ah, you are fair, my darling** – *behold now you need not the same type of revelation of Shechinah with signs and miracles as then, for I have already made you* - **you are fair -** *through the giving of the Torah and Mitzvos that I have written to show with intellectual miracles.* (*Shir HaShirim* 1:13-15 *with Seforno*)

Klal Yisroel says to Hashem: If you reveal Yourself to us as You did by Har Sinai when You opened up the heavens and showed us there is nothing besides You, and You alone are in complete control of the universe, that will give us the ability to return to You as in the past. What is Hashem's response? You don't need such miracles anymore; the Torah I have already given you contains the greatest intellectual miracles and Divine Revelation in the world. You need merely to delve into its depths and you will personally experience Har Sinai whenever and wherever you are! Perhaps this is the meaning of the Zohar (brought in *Nefesh HaChaim*) which states: One who toils in Torah, it is as if he is presently standing by the giving of the Torah at Har Sinai!

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