

אני לדודי לדודי לי

Hashem describes His comforting us at the time of Moshiach's coming as follows:

As a man who mourns his mother who has been distanced from him and he thought she passed away, whose mother returns and comforts him, so too I will comfort you, for it is I who you mourned.

(Haftoras Parshas Re'ei, Yeshayah 66:13 with Malbim)

When one mourns his mother's passing, her return alone is his greatest comfort. However, what is *klal* Yisroel's comfort for the two thousand years of torturous persecution, inquisition, pogrom and holocaust that we suffered?

It seems that deep in the depths of every Jew the greatest pain in all of our suffering is the feeling of loss, of "where is my Father?!", for Whom our hearts still burn with an infinite love. This being so, when Hashem will reveal Himself to us again, that alone will already be the greatest comfort for all of our suffering. "For it is I who you mourned" more than anything else!

