

וְיָבֹאוּ בְּדִמְעָה וְאֶתְפָּלוֹתַי אֶלֶּם יְהוָה

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(Yirmiyahu 31:9).

When Yosef saw that they were extremely embarrassed, he said to them: Come near to me (Bereshis 45:4). As each one of them approached, he kissed him and wept upon him, as it says: And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them (Ibid, 15). Just as Joseph comforted his brothers through weeping, so the Holy One, blessed be He, will redeem Israel through weeping, as it is said: They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them... (Medrash Tanchuma Vayigash 5)

It seems from the *Medrash* that Hashem will weep during the *geula* as a way of comforting us. What is the need for Hashem to comfort *Klal Yisroel* through crying during their redemption? The very act of *geula* would seem to provide the greatest comfort?

Perhaps the connection between Hashem's comforting and Yosef's runs much deeper. We are comforted from the pains of our exile through redemption itself, however, as by Yosef's brothers, we may still worry upon seeing Hashem's great love that perhaps the great pain we caused Him by forcing Him, so to speak, to part from us all those years will affect our supreme closeness to Him even after our redemption. As Yosef cried upon revealing his identity to his brothers who sold him, comforting them through this supreme show of love, so too Hashem will cry as a supreme show of love when He will reveal Himself to us, His dear children, who caused Him so much pain of separation, comforting us that He doesn't hold it against us.

