

## עת צרה היא ליעקב וממנה יוושע

"A difficult time for Yaakov, and he will be redeemed from it." (Yirmiyahu 30:7)

Who will not shed tears when hearing such terrible news from a far – the passing of many good and righteous Jews from the Diaspora? We all pray to HaShem that He removes His wrath from the remnants of Yisroel, and that He will speedily grant us an eternal salvation.

But how can we remain silent, when we see how HaShem specifically watches over the dwellers of Eretz Yisroel – the Land which HaShem's "Eyes" are watching from the year's beginning to its very end (Devarim 11:12) – and in contrast, the Diaspora has seen the fulfillment of the curse "and I will utterly conceal My 'Face'" (Devarim 31:18), with the death of good and righteous people?

As we have heard from the Rosh Yeshivah, Ray Gershon Edelshtein, shlita, surely the zechus of Eretz Yisroel protects its inhabitants, and therefore its sick and deceased are few.

We are therefore calling upon all our brethren, inhabitants of the Diaspora: Come up to the Holy Land, to Eretz Yisroel, the Land of HaKodosh Boruch Hu, to the Land of HaShem's Providence!!

Now, when we see clearly how HaShem watches over His people in His Land, giving them hope and a future to anticipate – come and join us in Eretz Yisroel! It's time to leave behind the tum'ah of chutz laAretz, and to take upon ourselves the kedushah of Eretz Yisroel. Let us teach our children that the place of a Jew is in the Land of the Jews, and let us not be left behind among the goyim, lest they influence us with all their sins.

May we have a speedy salvation in the zechus of our Holy Land, may HaShem say "enough" to our troubles, and may there cease to be heard any strife or calamity within our borders. May HaShem console us and wipe the tears from every face, and may we see Him when He returns to His home, as is written (Yeshayahu 53:8).

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