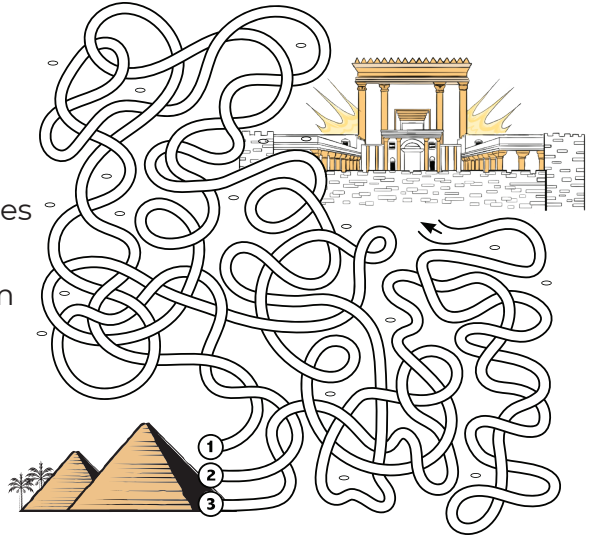


TAKE ME HOME: Get Out of Golus! #2

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah was a nasi of the Jewish people many years ago, in the sad days after the second Beis Hamikdash was destroyed. On his first day as Rebbe (besides from his hair turning gray and growing a long beard) he spoke about the mitzvah of remembering yetzias Mitzrayim night and day. But why should we talk so much about the fact that Hashem freed the Yidden in 2448? What does it have to do with us now? We're back in golus again!

The truth is that when Hashem freed the Yidden then, He made them His very own servants. Once we are avdei Hashem, there is a deep part of us that can never be under the influence of foreign rule again. We were free forever! So me and you, right now, 3334 years later, are free because of yetzias Mitzrayim. Even if we are in golus and it may seem that other nations are ruling over us, we are still free to be true servants of Hashem!



Trivia Challenge

Do you know which posuk in Torah tells us that we need to mention yetzias Mitzrayim? *Hint: It's in the Sheish Zechiros!*



Niggun Note

The words of this niggun are from Navi. It describes how when Moshiach comes, Yerushalayim will be full of people and cattle like a city without walls!

פְּרָזוֹת תֵּשֵׁב יְרוּשָׁלַיִם...



Life Lesson

Imagine you were a servant to two different masters. You wouldn't be able to serve either of them very well! Since the time we left Mitzrayim, we have only had one Master: Hashem. Nothing and no one else has any say over our decisions! Knowing that will remind us not to be a slave to our desires (I want ice-cream even though I'm felishig), to peer-pressure (It's the cool thing to misbehave), or anything else that tries to take control of us!



Mission of the Week

Choose one shacharis this week to focus on the idea that nothing else—not your rumbling stomach, the computer, or the ballgame outside—has any rulership over you. Daven knowing that your only Master is Hashem!

ANSWER: וְיָשְׁבוּ בְּתוֹכָהּ אֲנָשִׁים וְבָקָר כְּעִיר בְּלֹא חוֹמָיִם

Share at the Shabbos table!

Read me to your family and guests (they can help with the different roles!) and return to school for a special prize!

Parent's signature: _____

