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### ■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

#### MEN

- » Yaakov Shmuel ben Rochel (Uncle of Tricia Sutkin)
- » Yisroel Michoel ben Shulamis (Father of Chani Tkatch)
- » Zoosav ben Lipke (Father of Suzanne Luftig)
- » Yisroel ben Malka (Friend of Suzanne Luftig)
- » R' Moshe ben Chana Sara Leah (Rebbi of Ari Goldberg)
- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

#### WOMEN

- » Chaya Gittel bas Shandel (Friend of Suzanne Luftig)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

### ■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Mazel Tov to Josh & Lisa Rothstein** on the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter, Chavy. Mazel tov to the extended Rothstein and Eisentein families on this wonderful simcha. May everyone merit to see tremendous nachas from Chavy.
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### ■ NON-JEWISH JEWS: RABBI YIRMIYAHU ULLMAN

From: Russell

Dear Rabbi,

I have an interesting history. I was raised as a non-Jew. For all I knew, my entire family, from as far back as anyone knew, was a non-Jewish family. At some point, through a series of events which were so strange I can't even describe them, I found out

that my maternal great-grandmother was Jewish (as determined undoubtedly by Orthodox rabbis). I eventually came to learn that although she and the line of daughters descending from her (my grandmother and mother) were married to non-Jewish men, they were all considered Jewish women according to Judaism, which meant I am also Jewish.

If you knew anything about the type of family I come from, you would understand how shocked I was to learn all this. Anyway, over several years and after many strange circumstances, I actually became observant and married a Jewish woman and we are raising a Jewish family.

My question is: My own personal history makes me question how many other people around the world might also consider themselves completely non-Jews when in reality they might be completely Jewish. And what will happen to such people in the future? And can anything be done to let them know their truth so they can decide to return to the Tribe if they choose? If not, they'll probably be lost from the Jewish People forever.

Dear Russell,

Your personal story and experiences are indeed interesting and inspiring. Thanks for sharing them with me. From time to time, such instances occur. Sometimes with famous or influential people. But most do not have the initiative and courage to do anything about it. So I truly commend you on having the fortitude to go through what must have been a long and difficult process.

To answer your question, there are probably a lot more people around the world who fit your description than people realize or consider. Through so much of Jewish history across the globe, because of the trials and tribulations of exile, for so many different reasons, individual Jews were separated from the main body of the Jewish People and intermingled among the non-Jews.

Of course, over so long a time, many have become completely non-Jewish as far as Jewish Law is concerned. Still, I imagine a significant number of people in the world are in fact halachically Jewish without knowing anything about it at all. And I agree with you that if nothing is done about redeeming them, through purely natural means, it is very likely that they too will eventually be lost from the Jewish People.

That being said, our sources do prophesy that such "non-Jewish" Jews will be revealed by G-d through supernatural means, and thereby be redeemed and restored to the main body of the Jewish People.

Consider the following prophecy of Isaiah (66:12-21) regarding the future redemption, which is regularly recited in the haftarah when Rosh Chodesh occurs on Shabbat:

"For so says the L-rd, 'Behold, I will extend peace to you like a river, and like a flooding stream the wealth of the nations... Like a man whose mother consoles him, so will I console you, and in Jerusalem, you shall be consoled. And you shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall bloom like grass, and the hand of the L-rd shall be known to His servants... And I have come to gather all the nations and the tongues, and they shall come and

they shall see My glory...And I will send from them refugees to the nations...And they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a tribute to the L-rd, with horses and with chariots, and with covered wagons and with mules and with joyous songs upon My holy mount, Jerusalem...And from them too will I take Kohens and Levites,' says the L-rd".

We see from here that during the Redemption, G-d will use ostensibly non-Jews as a vehicle through which to transport Jews from their countries of dispersal to the Land of Israel. Yet, it is from these very "non-Jews" that Gd will take kohanim and levi'im! This is explained by Rashi (v. 21), "And from them too' — From the peoples bringing them and from those brought, I will take Kohens and Levites, for they are now assimilated among nations under coercion. But before Me the Kohens and the Levites among them are revealed, and I will select them from among them, and they shall minister before Me, said the L-rd. Now where did He say it? 'The hidden things are for the L-rd our G-d'. (Deut. 29:28). In this manner it is explained in the Aggadah of Psalms (87:6)".

According to the above, the events of the final Revelation and Redemption will be so great that G-d Himself will select people who appear as non-Jews to facilitate the process, but who are actually hidden Jews who are an integral part of that same redemptive process. And they will be miraculously revealed not only as Jews, but some of which as kohanim and levi'im, elevated among other Jews, leading them and inspiring them to serve G-d!

By your own admission, you yourself have experienced indescribably strange events which led to your revelation and redemption as a Jew. Situations like yours, at this time in history so close to Redemption, are very likely a modern-day fulfillment of this ancient prophecy. G-d, as Rashi explained, has His ways of supernaturally revealing these hidden matters. Is there anything we can do to let these non-Jewish Jews know their truth? You may not be literally a kohen or levi, but you very well may be one of these chosen by G-d as a vehicle to lead and inspire both revealed and hidden Jews toward Redemption. Perhaps sharing your personal story through lectures, documentary or in a book could be your practical way of reaching out to and revealing these non-Jewish Jews in preparation for the pending Redemption!

#### ■ PARSHA Q&A: KI SEITZEI

1. Why must a captured woman mourn her family for a month in her captor's house? 21:13 - So her captor will find her unattractive.
2. What fraction of the inheritance does a first-born receive if he has a) one brother? b) two brothers? 21:17 - a) 2/3 b) 1/2
3. What will become of a ben sorer u'moreh if his parents don't bring him to court? 21:22 - He will eventually rob and kill to support his physical indulgences.
4. Why is it a degradation to G-d to hang a criminal's body on the gallows overnight? 21:23 - Because humans are made in G-d's

image; and because the Jewish People are G-d's children.

5. What do you do if you find a lost object that costs money to maintain? 22:2 - Sell it and save the money for the owner.
6. Why does the Torah forbid wearing the clothing of the opposite gender? 22:5 - It leads to immorality.
7. Why does the Torah link the mitzvah of sending away the mother-bird with the mitzvah of making a railing on the roof of your house? 22:8 - To teach that one mitzvah leads to another, and to prosperity.
8. When is it permitted to wear wool and linen? 22:12 - Wool tzitzit on a linen garment.
9. What three things happen to a man who falsely slanders his bride? 22:18 - He receives lashes, pays a fine of 100 silver selah, and may never divorce her against her will.
10. Although the Egyptians enslaved the Jewish People, the Torah allows marriage with their third-generation converts. Why? 23:8 - Because they hosted Yaakov and his family during the famine.
11. Why is causing someone to sin worse than killing him? 23:9 - Murder takes away life in this world, while causing someone to sin takes away his life in the World to Come.
12. If one charges interest to his fellow Jew, how many commandments has he transgressed? 23:21 - Three; two negative commandments and a positive commandment.
13. What is the groom's special obligation to his bride during their first year together? 24:5 - To gladden her.
14. When is a groom required to fight in a non-obligatory war? 24:5 - When he remarries his ex-wife.
15. What type of object may one not take as collateral? 24:6 - Utensils used to prepare food.

#### ■ I DID NOT KNOW THAT

Honoring parents and sending away the mother bird are two commandments which the Torah equates regarding their reward: "In order that He will bestow good upon you, and long life..." (Devarim 22:6) Why should sending away a bird, a simple act, share the status of a very difficult mitzvah, honoring parents? What is the connection between these two mitzvot?

When a person approaches a bird's nest to take the young, the mother bird could easily fly to safety. But instead, she stays by the nest in order to protect her young, putting herself in danger. To capture her in this position would be to take advantage of her self-sacrifice for her young, and the Torah forbids this. Surely, then, we must honor our parents, who sacrifice so much for us. (Based on Oznaim L'Torah)

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» Before Shacharis Gemara Yevamos for men (M-Fr, 6-6:40A)

» NQ Daf HaYomi Kesuvos for men (Sunday-Thursday following Maariv)

» Pirkei Avos for men & women (Shabbos 90 mins before mincha)

» Chumash for men & women (Shabbos 45 mins before mincha)

» Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins., with R' Noach Klug)

» Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)

» In-Depth Hilchos Shabbos for women (Time is Changing)