

Nechamah or Simchah? – What’s the Celebration?

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There are some mitzvos that seem so much easier to perform than others. For instance, this article is being written during the time of mourning for the Beis HaMikdash. We do not find the mourning all that easy: not the restrictions of its halachos (Witness the constant stream of siyumim, with fleishig seudos), nor the emotional expression of mourning. After this period comes the time for nichum, which we feel is expressed well through our various events. Nichum is a much easier mitzvah — or so it seems.

The problem is that we are confusing nichum — consolation — with simchah (assuming even that our celebrations are in the appropriate spirit of “mitzvah”), and do not really begin to understand what the incredible gift of nichum is all about, and what it takes to earn it and express it.

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