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{ ישמח }

Yismach
Yisroel



יְשִׁמַּח יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעוֹשָׁיו,
פִּירוֹשׁ שְׁכָל מִי שֶׁהוּא
מַזְרֵעַ יִשְׂרָאֵל יֵשׁ לוֹ לְשִׁמוּחַ
בְּשִׂמְחַת ה', אֲשֶׁר שָׂשׂ
וְשִׂמַּח בְּדִירָתוֹ בְּתַחְתּוֹנִים

“The Jews should rejoice with
the One Who made them.”

This means that every Jew
should be happy with Hashem,
Who rejoices and is happy in
His dwelling in this world.

(TANYA, CHAPTER 33)

This *posuk* teaches us how we should feel when we do our *Avodah*. When we make this world into a *Dira Betachtonim* for Hashem, Hashem is very happy — and we should also be happy!

Doing it Joyfully

The 12th of the *Yud-Beis Pesukim* and *Maamarei Razal* is “*Yismach*.” These words come from *Tanya*, where the Alter Rebbe teaches us the importance of *simcha*.

Yismach Yisroel Be’osav — “Yidden should be happy with Hashem Who created them.” (these words are from *Tehillim*)

Peirush — This is what it means:

Shekol Mi Shehu Mizera Yisroel — That everyone who has the *neshama* of a Yid

Yeish Lo Lismoach — Should be happy

Besimchas Hashem — With the joy of Hashem!

Asher Sas Vesameiach — Because Hashem is happy and joyful

Bediraso Besachtonim — That the world is being made into Hashem’s home — a *Dira Betachtonim*!

This teaches us that whatever we are doing, we should do it in a happy way: When we think about how much *nachas* our *Avodah* brings Hashem, we will feel a special joy and *chayus*! Not only do we have a *neshama* which is a part of Hashem and Hashem is always with us, but we are making the world more of a home for Hashem, a home that will be ready when *Moshiach* comes. We can feel Hashem’s joy in our *neshama*, and that should make us DOUBLY happy!

This is the twelfth and last of the *Yud-Beis Pesukim*, which makes sure

that everything we learned about in the other *pesukim* will be done with *simcha*! Our learning Torah, doing *mitzvos*, and helping another Yid with *Ahavas Yisroel* should all be done with *simcha*!

When what we are doing is with a feeling of *simcha*, it will be done in the most beautiful and best possible way, and we will also have the most *hatzlacha*!