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A SHORT VORT

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לא ראו איש את אחיו ולא קמו איש מתחתיו שלשת ימים (י:כג)

"They did not see one another, nor rose any from his place for three days?" (10:23)

Why the need for the verse to describe that first one did not see the other and then they were immobilized?

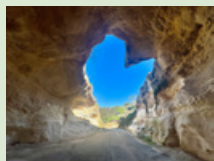
Rashi points out that there were amongst the Israelites in that generation wicked people, and they did not want to leave Egypt. First, they were identified and then they died during these three days without their punishment being exposed to the Egyptians.

The Chidushei HaRim (Rabbi Yitzchak Meir Aler 1799-1866, First Admor of Gur Chassidut) explains deeper. Dreadful darkness transpires when one individual refuses to lend a hand to his neighbor in need. The consequence of ignoring the difficulties and challenges that one's friend experiences is that they themselves will not be able to proceed from their place or function. In this verse, describing the beginning of the plague, no one paid attention to the other, ignoring the other's distress which in hand led to where all Egyptians were refrained from total movement and immobilized.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

🕒 Earliest Kiddush Levana, 3 Days After Molad: 4 Sh'vat/Wed. night Jan. 21
7 Days After Molad: 8 Sh'vat/ Sun. night Jan. 25

Last Opportunity to Say Kiddush Levana until: 15 Sh'vat/Sun. night Feb. 1



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I made Aliyah from Queens, New York 2 months after October 7th in 2023. I live in Center City Yerushalayim. I love traveling all around the country taking pictures of everywhere I go. This picture is from one of the caves at Beit Guvrin-Maresha National Park. I have a YouTube channel with over 240 videos of all over Eretz Yisroel which I share with friends back home giving them a virtual taste of our holy land. My channel is: www.YouTube.com/@gems_of_israel/videos.



We continue to pray for the return Ran Gvili, last of the Kedoshim held in Gaza

