

# We're Not in Mitzrayim Anymore, Remember?

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Mazal tov! With God's help we are making a wedding next week. Our dear son Hillel is getting married. Making a wedding is a momentous occasion and when my son got engaged, I knew right away that I would be taking off from working in my business during the month leading up to the wedding as well as the week after the wedding.

This may seem counter intuitive to some people, but I am

absolutely sure it was actually the most productive thing to do. We are so wired to work; and work extra of course when expenses are high. There is an expectation out there for women, that aside from working outside of the home regularly, they should basically not break stride during special family occasions even if it's going to negatively affect their family.

Of course, I understand that with the rising costs of living, this is not a luxury many can afford. And there are only a certain amount of vacation days one can take. Yet I also know that whatever we believe, we can create the right circumstances to live according to that belief. We have creative powers bestowed to us by the Creator to make anything we truly believe a reality.

It's pretty clear to me that a woman's work in the home and for her family has become a forgotten thing of the past. However, try to imagine a wife and mother using her time and inner spiritual powers to laser focus on an upcoming special family occasion in order to make it memorable and positive for everyone involved. She would be paying very close attention to the needs of the child being celebrated, mentoring him or her along the way, and praying for his present and future well being and success. She would mindfully and joyfully shop and cook for the occasion, perhaps decorate the house, put special music on that's appropriate for the occasion.

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Yes, I realize the above is possible to do while also working. Kind of. But there is something to be said for taking the time – a lot of time, to focus on your family, mentor them, inspire them, pray for them, and create a special and memorable family event while not being rushed, stressed, and exhausted.

We're not in Mitzraim anymore, remember? Or are we...

Thanks to the present world culture, these are not favorable times for those who hold dear truly traditional values. Women have been and are still being pushed and prodded to go with the workflow while juggling the needs of their husbands, children and home along the way. No occasion is too important to slow down or dare I say, stop all together for a while.

If women only knew the power they actually have. The power to focus, to envision, to believe in, to inspire, to teach and to pray for their husband and children. Not only this, but a woman's inner authority to decide how a certain family event will turn out financially, even if she does not work, is much more powerful than any money she could ever earn.

A woman's time and focused attention, physical housework and spiritual effort for her family are more precious, more lucrative, and more of a blessing than any job she could ever have, any money she could ever earn. A woman is not obligated to earn any money, especially when her time, heart and energy are needed for her husband and children. I'm not saying she can't make money off of skills that she is good at and enjoys using for work, but it should be on her terms, not society's.

And so dear ladies, the next time you have something special going on in your family, make an effort to figure out how much time, head space, finances, and other resources you need in order to make it happen in the most joyous, calm way possible. Then write it down. Look at it. Laser focus on it.

Get clear that if this is the best thing for your family, Hashem can and will absolutely help you to get there, EVEN if you have to slow down at work or take off unpaid days.

Watch Hashem pave the way!