

GEULAH THROUGH GOLUS

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BEYOND LIMITS

The Jewish People are doubly comforted, as it says (Yishayah 40:1), "Comfort My people; comfort them," says your G-d. (Medrash Rabba [Vilna ed.], Eicha, end of Ch. 1)

At this time, G-d doubly comforts the Jewish People for the destruction of the Temple and the devastating hardships of exile. A single form of comfort would simply be undoing the damage, redeeming us from exile and rebuilding the Temple. Double comfort implies that even after we have been completely comforted, G-d will transform all of our suffering into joy.

We can approach this second level by adding an element of infinity to our good deeds. Rather than limit our activities to one area, we must include all three pillars: Torah study, personal development, and good deeds.

