

## LIVING TORAH

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Free Translation\*

When something hurts, there is no choice: You must cry out.

He knows that crying out will not lessen the pain. But the crying is not based on intellect; he cries because it hurts!

In this case there is at least a little bit of a hope, that if we cry out again and again —not just behind closed doors, but they will see that we are not bashful and will protest loudly, and we may even protest on the day before the elections...

Maybe it will finally have the effect, that they will establish priorities:

That first and foremost, we must ensure the security of the Jews and non-Jews in the Holy Land and to ensure it also through natural means.

With the faith in G-d, "the Guardian of Israel, who shall not slumber nor sleep."

They are repeating the same mistake right now in Lebanon:

They are holding up hundreds and thousands of Jewish soldiers, not allowing them to complete their mission for which they were sent in the first place.

The original plan presented by military experts, accompanied by clear proofs,

called for a swift campaign, using the element of surprise, and the entire campaign would have been completed within several days!

The President of the US left Washington, in order not to pressure Israel and they notified Israel that he was going away for a while.

So he began the operation, and then they got scared of the "gentileness" inside them! As a result, the Evil Inclination convinced them that their fear was from a real gentile but the president never demanded such a thing! And they were stopped, made to stand still and not protect themselves before the enemy began.

As a result, casualties are falling —may Heaven protect us— during these weeks and months. This could have been avoided—practically— as originally warned by all of the

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military experts unanimously: that this is the way to have a minimum of casualties, and a minimum of wounded, both Jewish and non-Jewish. But if it would be dragged out, every single day ...

Just as it was during the Yom Kippur War, because the politicians and those who were depressed by the exile did not allow the clear directive of the military experts to be accepted. They had suggested to call up the reserves. It would have frightened the enemy, and it would not have come to war.

It was stated clearly at the time this question was discussed. It was later revealed and printed that this indeed happened:

There were the weak-hearted who skewed it as

"You shall not provoke the nations": We are not allowed to provoke non-Jews, so we must endanger ourselves and not call up the reserves, and not do anything which can be translated not as defense but as attack. This caused—may Heaven protect us, and may it never happen again— hundreds and hundreds of sacrifices, in addition to the wounded. The widows and orphans are walking the streets of the Holy Land today! And these same weak-hearted ones meet these widows and orphans.

Then they entered this meeting about Lebanon, where this campaign was discussed, and they were told clearly that there are two options: The option that the military offered unambiguously was to finish the operation as quickly as possible, and every day sooner will save casualties, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

But they were shouted down, and their warnings not heeded! And now it has been stretching on for months on end! And we see that every single day —may Heaven protect us—casualties are falling! Then they came up with a solution: Censor the news!

The soldier was killed, the widow exists, the orphan exists! So they told the newspapers: Don't publicize it, in order not to trouble Jewish people!

—It is a wonderful thing: To give Jews peace of mind and of spirit is a Mitzvah in the Torah: "Love your fellow as yourself." And not just a regular Mitzvah; it is "a great principle of the Torah."

But what did they use it for? To stretch it out longer and longer.

And those same people who caused the hundreds of casualties then, have already caused hundreds of casualties again, who by natural means, would not have fallen if they had heeded the military experts, and operation "Peace for the Galilee" —as they have named it— was finished quickly, for which a few days would have been sufficient.



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That would have been beneficial both for the Jews and for the other side. And it would not have led to what happened in the refugee camps.

And, to our great discredit, everyone is sitting silently. This should have caused a storm of protest: What is going on here!? Instead, they are busy with all kinds of other things, primarily: which party will have more votes in the coming elections. Sure, that's important.

But first, take care of matters of life and death! Take care of matters of Jewish pride! Take care of matters of the sanctifying G-d's Name—and its desecration! They're calculating what will be better for their political party, and in the party itself there are many leaders...