

That night, the Klein family was eating supper when Tzvi said, “I want to travel to *Eretz Yisrael* this summer.”

Mr. and Mrs. Klein were not surprised. They knew how hard it was for Tzvi when they moved to America, and how much he **missed** *Eretz Yisrael*. They also missed their old home in *Yerushalayim*. But what could they do? Plane tickets were very expensive, **especially** when you needed to buy plane tickets for a **whole** family. The Kleins were not so rich...

“I’m sorry,” Mr. Klein said sadly. “**I wish** we could *all* go to *Eretz Yisrael* this summer, but plane tickets cost more than a thousand dollars each. We don’t have that much money.”

“But you don’t need to buy tickets for everyone,” said Tzvi. “You only need to buy a ticket for me. I can stay with Sabba and Savta in *Yerushalayim*. **Since** summer vacation here is two months long, I can go and learn in my old *cheder* for six weeks. Isn’t that better than being **bored** all summer and **wasting** my time doing nothing?”

“It’s a great idea,” Mrs. Klein said, “but even one ticket costs a lot of money.”

Tzvi thought a little. “But what if I pay for my ticket?”

His sister Shoshi laughed. “How are you going to get more than a thousand dollars for a plane ticket? Maybe you can win lots of money in the lotto!”

His brother Ruvi also thought that Tzvi’s idea was funny.

“Maybe you can go around and ask people for *tzedaka*,” he laughed. “Tell people that it’s for the Tzvi Klein *Eretz Yisrael fund*.”

“I’m serious,” Tzvi said. “Abba, Ima, will you **let** me travel to *Eretz Yisrael* this summer if I buy my own plane ticket?”

Mr. and Mrs. Klein looked at each other. “We need to think about that a little,” Mr. Klein said. “*Im yirtze Hashem*, we’ll give you an answer in a day or two.”

“Thank you,” Tzvi said. He very much **hoped** that his father and mother would say yes to his idea. He knew that he would find a **way** to get all the money that he needed.

*missed = התגעגע ל-

*I wish = הלוואי ש-

*wasting = לבזבז

*hoped = קיווה

*especially = במיוחד

*Since = מכיוון ש-

*fund = קופה

*way = דרך

*whole = שלימה

*bored = משועמם

*let = תרשו



Two days later, Tzvi came to his father and asked, “Abba, did you and Ima have a chance to talk about my idea?”

“Yes, Tzvi,” Mr. Klein answered. “We decided that it’s okay, but you need to talk to us about any ideas that you have **to earn** money.”

“**Of course**,” Tzvi said happily, “but don’t **worry**. I won’t go around to *shuls* asking for money for my *Eretz Yisrael* fund.”

His father laughed. “I’m happy to hear that,” he said.

“Is it okay if I call my friend Nachum in *Eretz Yisrael*?” Tzvi asked. “He always finds ways to earn money. Maybe he can give me some ideas.”

“No problem,” Mr. Klein said. “Just remember that not every idea that works in *Eretz Yisrael* will work here in America.”

Tzvi ran to the phone to call Nachum, when he **realized** that it was two in the morning in *Eretz Yisrael*.

I’ll call him on Sunday, when school ends early, he thought. He couldn’t **wait** to hear his friend’s exciting ideas.

*to earn = להרוויח

*shuls = בתי כנסת (באידיש—זאת המילה שמשמשמים בה יהודים דתיים דוברי אנגלית)

*realized = קלט, נזכר ש-

*Of course = כמובן

*wait = לחכות

*worry = תדאג