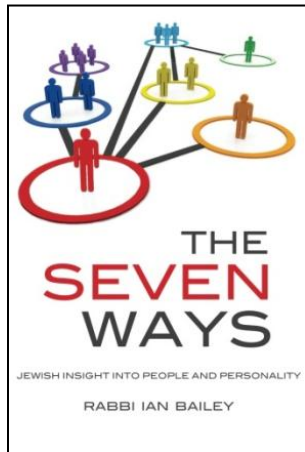


Be Like Rebecca, A Rose Among Thorns

Don't Blame Your Environment

The expression “...like a rose among thorns...”[1] is understood [2] as alluding to the Biblical Rebecca. She grew up to be a person of good deeds, distinctly different, like a rose next to thorns, than her corrupt family.



Israel, conversely, lived in Egypt, acting and appearing exactly the same as the Egyptians[3]. Gd had to extract Israel with great “difficulty”, as one would painstakingly pick a rose from a thorny bush.

The lesson is that, though it is human nature to be impacted by our environment, we must remember that we have the ability to be self-motivated and independent. Bad influences do not automatically create people of bad deeds.



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Many read Song of Songs, where this expression is mentioned, on Passover. Passover is the commemoration of the birth of Israel, and it is a yearly reminder to be self-motivated and to be distinct from our environment, if need be, to stay healthy.

Have a wonderful Passover!

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[1] Song of Songs 2:2 [2] Song of Songs Rabbah 2:2:1 [3] Ibid. 2.