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אֵלֶּה מַסְעֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יָצְאוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם (במדבר לג, א)

"These are the travels of Bnei Yisrael who left Mitzrayim..." (Bamidbar 33:1)

A PERSON'S TRAVELS

The nation traveled forty-two times after leaving *Mitzrayim*, and each travel was for a purpose. It was to reach their destination: *Eretz Yisrael*. The same can be said about the travels of each person. There is a destination, a goal, and they travel to attain that purpose.

IN PRACTICE

A person must clarify his goals and to know his destination in life. When he travels, the journey should be for the purpose of attaining his goal. Also, when the journey was destined from Above (and not by his choice), he should try to comprehend how this trip will draw him closer to accomplishing his goals.

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PERSON'S TRAVEL

When a person knows his destination, it is likely he will get there. If a person travels, not knowing where he is going to, he may discover that he had traveled in the opposite direction.

The holy *sefarim* say that every Yid travels in his lifetime forty-two times, similar to the Jewish nation, who traveled forty-two times in the desert. The nation in the desert knew why they were traveling. Their destination was *Eretz Yisrael*. Similarly, everyone must travel with awareness where they are going

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

People travel in life, and they go through various life-situations. Some of their travels and life-situations are selected by their choice, and others are destined from heaven, without their will. Either way, everyone must know his destination in life, so he can use each life-situation and each travel wisely, to reach the ultimate goal.

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