



**Draw me after you, let us run! The king has brought me to his chambers. Let us delight and rejoice in your love, savoring it more than wine— Like new wine they love you! (Shir HaShirim 1:5)**

Last week we read the *passuk* in *Yirmiyah* as explained by the Radak: Thus said Hashem: The people escaped from the sword, found favor in the wilderness; When Israel was marching homeward. *Klal Yisroel* responds: *It is true, Hashem revealed Himself to me from afar many years ago, but now He has hidden His face from me during my exile. Hashem responds: Eternal love I loved you then, my love wasn't temporary rather it was to be eternal.* Therefore, I continued My grace to you, and revealed Myself to you on Har Sinai so that My love for You will be forever, not temporary... (*Yirmiyah* 31:2,3 with Radak).

One may ask: How does Hashem's "revealing himself on Har Sinai," cause "that My love for you will be forever"? Our opening *passuk* with the explanation of Rashi provides us with the answer:

**Draw me we will run after you.** *I heard from your messengers a hint that you said to draw me, and I said, "We will run after you," to be as a wife to you. The king has brought me into his chambers. And even today, I still have joy and happiness that I cleaved to you. We recall your love. Even today, in living widowhood, I always recall your first love [for me] more than any banquet of pleasure and joy. Draw me after you, let us run! They mention before Him the loving kindness of [their] youth, the love of [their] nuptials, their following Him in the wilderness, a land of drought and darkness, and they did not even prepare provisions for themselves, but they believed in Him and in His messenger. And they did not say, "How can we go out into the wilderness, which is neither a land of seed nor food?" But they followed Him, and The king has brought me to his chambers, He brought them into the midst of the chambers of the envelopment of His clouds. Let us delight and rejoice in your love, savoring it more than wine— Like new wine they love you! With this, they are still joyful today and happy with Him despite their afflictions and distress; and they delight in the Torah, and there they recall His love more than wine, and the sincerity of their love for Him. (Shir Hashirim 1:5 with Rashi)*

Indeed, it is only through "the delight in the Torah," that "even today, in living widowhood, I always recall your first love [for me] more than any banquet of pleasure and joy." It is for this reason the Radak (above) explains Hashem said: **Therefore, I continued My grace to you, and revealed Myself to you on Har Sinai so that My love for You will be forever, not temporary...**

