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1) Throughout history the world has seen many refugees, made homeless by storm or war.



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2) Jews should have greater sensitivity for refugees, as we have been refugees most of our history.

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3) With a deeper look, in Exile we were more productive than otherwise.

- Ishmael and Esau were born and raised in Israel while Jacob had 12 righteous children in - galus of Charan.



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4) To add to it, in Israel Jacob's tragedies occurred: Rachel dies, Dina is abducted, and Josef is sold.



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5) In Egypt (Galus) he lives the 17 (num. val. of Tov) best years of his life.



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- 6) Skimming through history, Galus added many things to our tradition:
- Prayer, a Jew's personal connection to G-d was only after the churban. (Jacob prayed the shir Hamaalot in Charan)
  - Haftara, under the Romans when Torah was forbidden (we don't abolish good customs so we still read the Haftara)
  - Yom Tov Sheini Shel Galuyos, in Bavel (the shluchei bes din couldn't reach there so they made a "buffer zone")
  - Talmud Bavli (most importantly)

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7) This is the nature of man, he is most impressive when pressed. Under pressure one can accomplish much more than in normal circumstances.



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8) And Jews are no different, as the sage's say, "This olive will not give out its oil until you crush it."



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9) Connection to Parshas Re'eh – Hashem doesn't give us curses – if you dig deep enough, one can find the bracha within.



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10) But now, after we have already spent the best of our abilities, we hope and pray for the coming of our righteous Moshiach, and may it be speedily in our days.



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