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Genesis 44: 6-7

And they came to Egypt, Yaakov and all of his children. His sons and grandsons with him, his daughters and his sons' daughters and all of his seed, he brought with him to Egypt.

Genesis Rabbah 31:17

Rabbi Yehudah bar Simon and Rabbi Chanin in the name of Rav Shemuel bar Rabbi Yitzchak said: When Noach entered the boat, procreation was prohibited for him. Thus it says, "And you shall come to the boat, you and your sons" separately, "and your wife and your sons' wives" separately. When he left, Gd permitted this for him, as Bereishit 8:16 says, "Leave the boat, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives."

Rabbi Avun said: Job 30:3 says, "In lacking and famine, alone [galmud]." If you see lacking come to the world, and famine come to the world, "galmud", see your wife as though she was a widow [galmudah], for in the cities of the sea they call a niddah, "galmudah".

Rabbi Huna said: Genesis 41:50 says, "And to Yosef were born two sons, before the arrival of the year of famine."

Midrash Aggadah on Genesis 8:18

"And Noach departed" – And he did not accept to return to his wife and procreate, for fear that Gd might destroy His world again.

Toesfot to Taanit 11a

One might ask: Yocheved was born within the walls of Egypt, and that was a time of famine – they must have mated during years of famine! Perhaps it is not prohibited for all, but only for one who wishes to lead a pious life. Yosef did not mate, but others did.

Bach on Shulchan Aruch, Aruch Chaim 240

It would be a desecration to say that Levi transgressed! And even though he was before the Torah was given, still, if it would be prohibited after the Torah was given then the "perfect bed" would not have acted other than according to the Torah, as did the patriarchs! Rather: those who lacked children were certainly permitted, and Yosef acted with special piety.

Midrash Tanchuma, Noach 11

When the world is suffering and destroyed, one may not procreate, so as not to build while Gd is involved in destroying the world.

Ecclesiastes 9:4

For to one who is joined to all who live, there is hope

Jerry Seinfeld, "The Face Painter," Season 6, Episode 23

People..they are the worst.

Rabbi Yerucham Levovitz, Daat Chochmah u'Mussar III 295

The issue of bearing the yoke with others is so great, because this is the entire Torah, meaning the joining of souls to feel each other's feelings. All of Torah study, all of the learning and all of the deeds, the final goal is that all souls should be joined, to feel each other's feelings, to truly be one.

Bavli Taanit 11a

Anyone who starves himself in a time of famine will be saved from an unusual death... Reish Lakish said: One may not have relations during a famine, as it says, "And to Yosef were born two sons, before the arrival of the year of famine." We have learned: Those who lack children may have relations during a famine. It was taught, "When Israel is in pain and one of them separates [from the community], two ministering malachim who escort a person come and place their hands on his head, saying, "This person, who separated from the community, shall not see the community's consolation."

Rashi on Genesis 42:1

"Why should you display yourselves before the families of Yishmael and Esav as though you were full?" For they still had grain.

Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 240:12

One may not engage in relations during a famine, other than those who lack children.

Bavli Bava Metzia 33a

Rav Yehudah cited Rav: The text says, "But there shall be no pauper among you" – Yours precedes that of all others.

"When you see" – Even from afar? It also says, "When you encounter". Does "When you encounter" limit the law to an actual encounter? It also says, "When you see." What is sight that is an encounter? he sages evaluated it as 7.5 mil, which is a ris.