

I WILL DWELL AMONG B'NAI ISRAEL *

וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְהָיִיתִי לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים:
וְיָדְעוּ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם
לְשָׁכְנִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם:

And I will dwell among the children of Israel,
and I will be to them a God.
And they shall know that I am Adonai their God,
that I brought them out from the land of Egypt
to dwell among them. I am Adonai their God.

And I will dwell among the children of Israel—At the door of the Tent of Meeting “I will meet with the children of Israel” (29:43), so that I may be present at the center of their community, that they may know me every day. I will be to them a God—Knowing me they shall know good from evil, the direction for their lives shall be made clear to them, and they shall learn that they need not live in doubt and degradation. And they shall know that I am Adonai their God—I shall therefore be present to them in their joys and sorrows, always immediately accessible to them. That I brought them out from the land of Egypt to dwell among them—And that I liberated them so that they might thus know me and do my Torah. I am Adonai their God—The children of Israel shall remain a people so long as they know that I am their God.

* Exodus 29:45-46 (in Tetsaveh)