

## **BE WARY OF ALL NEW CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES EVEN IF THEY COME FROM SEEMINGLY NICE ORTHODOX CHASSIDIC PEOPLE**

The holy Sefer ha Brit (Part 1, Chapter 3) states: “Be wary of all new customs and groups that do not follow the ways our forefathers knew. Even if these people are Torah scholars and doers of acts of kindness, if they deviate even an inch from the Shulchan Aruch do not follow them. If they conduct themselves contrary to the Shulchan Aruch, distance yourselves from their ways and don’t go near their homes. Because also among the followers of Shabetai Tzvi [may his name be blotted out] there were many Torah scholars with great Torah knowledge. And there is nothing new that will be good and won’t bring sin in its wake. Therefore, be very careful about new things. And this rule should always be in front of you: “The one who turns his face away from the Shulchan Aruch, even a little has no portion in the G-d of Yaakov and in his congregation.” [See also Chovot ha Levavot, Shaar ha Yichud ha Maase, chapter 5 – See also Likute Amarim Tanya, Chapter 1 and 24 - Talmud Eruvin 21b]

### **EVEN THE GOOD THINGS THAT THE EREV RAV DO, HAVE TO BE TREATED WITH CONTEMPT**

The root of our deficiency comes from what the Erev Rav do to us. As it is written in the Zohar: “They (The Erev Rav) damage Israel more than all the nations”.

And one has to strengthen oneself with great faith (EMUNA), because Israel were redeemed from Mitzrayim only in the merit of faith, and so it will be with the future redemption, that we will need great faith because we will see how the ways of evildoers succeed... and even if we see in them (The Erev Rav) good things like Torah and tradition and good manners and in particular they make peace with everybody and peace is the foundation of everything, and it is a very good trait, even so, as in the case of a sick person that needs to have his blood extracted even though the soul is in the blood, so it will be in the days prior to Mashiach, we must reject all these people even when they have good aspects in their behavior because then will be time of Clarification and selection and this will be the trial and choice in those days (Divre Simcha by Rabbi Simcha Ysachar Ber Chalberstam, zt'l).

## **HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE EREV RAV AND BRING YOUR TRUE MOSHIACH, AMEN**