

## *THE HOLINESS OF THE EYES*

### *BULLETIN 18*

#### **A MESSAGE TO CHABAD FROM THE REBBE RASHAB OUR SERVICE TO G-D IS WORTHLESS WHEN WE DON'T GUARD OUR EYES**

He who worries about his soul, not to bring it to impurity, will fence himself in what respects to the eyes and if this is difficult for him, he should strengthen himself with all his power and might. And he should know that his soul depends on this. And if we will not be careful about this, all his service is as nothing and nothing will he get out of all his service, and on the contrary, G-d forbid he will descend low very low...And he should not worry about what others say...and this is very hard in the beginning...but with time he will get used to guarding his eyes And through this he will find rest for his soul from many evils and confusion and then he will be able to serve Hashem and he will work salvation for his soul with the Help of the Blessed One. (Kuntres Ha Avoda, R' Shalom Dov Ber Mi Lubavitch)

#### ***MASHIACH JUST LIKE HASHEM IS JEALOUS FOR THE HOLINESS OF THE COVENANT***

*Every Jew has within him a spark of Mashiach. How much it shows through depends on the purity and holiness he attains. He must be very careful not to weaken this spark in any way. The main thing is to guard against the sexual desire, because even the slightest trace of it can seriously affect this spark. The spirit of Mashiach is a jealous one. The full force of its zeal is turned against every place where there is even the slightest trace of sexual immorality. The holiness and purity of everything associated with Mashiach is so great that even a mere hint of sexual immorality cannot be tolerated. The full force of its jealousy is directed against it. (LIKUTE ETZOT REBBE NACHMAN MI BRESSLOV)*

***NOW THERE ARE FOOLS WHO CLAIM THEIR LEADER IS MOSHIACH BUT ARE NOT CAREFUL TO SEPARATE MEN FROM WOMEN AT ALL OCCASIONS AND THEY SIN AND YET COME UP WITH MANY EXCUSES FOR THEIR SINS, AND THEY DO NOT HAVE PROPER MECHITZAS IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, AND YET THEY HAVE THE CHUTZPAH TO TALK ABOUT MOSHIACH ALL THE TIME, YET THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT THEY DELAY HIS COMING BY THEIR EVIL ACTIONS***

*Even when one has the need to talk to a woman, his eyes should look down and not look at her for any reason, because the life of a person depends on this, and this will be good for him in this world and in the World to Come. (Tochachot Chayim, R Chayim Palaggi, Vaetchanan)*

SO EVEN IF YOUR RABBI RIDICULES YOU FOR KEEPING THE SHULCHAN ARUCH YOU SHOULD BE STRONG AND GO AHEAD FOR IT MAY BE THAT YOUR RABBI BELONGS TO THE EREV RAV AND HE JUST DOES NOT WANT YOU TO KEEP THE TORAH AS IT SHOULD BE FOR MAYBE HE WOULD BE EXPOSED AS A FAKE IN THE EYES OF THE OTHER CONGREGANTS WHEN THEY SEE THAT A COMMON PERSON KEEPS THE SHULCHAN ARUCH TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN THE RABBI. AND WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT PIOUS PRACTICES BUT WE ARE TALKING HERE ABOUT KEEPING THE SHULCHAN ARUCH, SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING THOSE AREAS WHERE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF OUR TIME ARE LAX ABOUT. FOR EXAMPLE, TALKING IN THE SYNAGOGUE IN THE MIDDLE OF PRAYERS, DURING THE KADDISH, GIVING TORAH LESSONS TO MEN AND WOMEN WITHOUT A MECHITZA, HAVING A DEFICIENT MECHITZA IN SHUL, LOOKING AT WOMEN WHICH IS SOMETHING FORBIDDEN, ETC