

**BSD**  
**WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR**  
**THE KEDDUSHA OF THE BEARD**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT 8**

**A WARNING TO THOSE WHO**  
**SHAVE WITH A RAZOR**

ALL THOSE WHO SHAVE WITH A RAZOR VIOLATE FIVE NEGATIVE COMMANDMENTS OF THE TORAH EVERY TIME THEY SHAVE. (ONE FOR EACH OF THE FIVE SPOTS IN THE FACE WHERE NO RAZOR MAY PASS). AND IF BY ANY CHANCE THEY SHAVE WITH A JEWISH BARBER, THEN EACH ONE TRANSGRESSES AN ADDITIONAL FIVE COMMANDMENTS BECAUSE THEY ALSO VIOLATE THE COMMANDMENT IN LEVITICUS 19:14, SO EACH ONE VIOLATES 10 COMMANDMENTS AND TOGETHER THEY VIOLATE 20.

**A STORY FROM THE AUTHOR OF**  
**THE SEFER CHASSIDIM**

AND LOOK WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE BOOK KITZUR SHNE LUCHOT HA BRIT WHICH QUOTES THE BOOK YEN HA MESHUMAR

RABBI ZALMAN, SON OF RABBI YEHUDA THE CHASSID SAID: MY PIOUS FATHER, OF BLESSED MEMORY TOLD OF AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED TO A WEALTHY MAN THAT ALWAYS SHAVED WITH A RAZOR.

**THE WEALTHY MAN DID NOT LISTEN TO REBUKE**

MY FATHER WOULD ALWAYS PROTEST AND REBUKE THAT MAN TO STOP SHAVING WITH RAZORS BUT THAT MAN WOULD NOT LISTEN TO MY FATHER'S WORDS. "I AM DELICATE" THE MAN WOULD SAY "AND CAN'T TOLERATE TO GO WITH A BEARD". AND MY FATHER WOULD ANSWER HIM BACK: "YOU MUST KNOW THAT YOU WILL HAVE A BITTER END".

**THE DEAD MAN COMES BACK TO LIFE**

WHEN THE WEALTHY MAN PASSED AWAY, ALL THE GREAT RABBIS AND SCHOLARS IN THE CITY OF SPEYER ATTENDED THE FUNERAL AND MY

FATHER WAS AMONG THEM. HE WROTE A DIVINE NAME IN A PIECE OF PAPER AND THREW IT ON TOP OF THE DEAD MAN. IMMEDIATELY THE DEAD MAN STOOD ON HIS FEET AND EVERYONE AROUND FLEW AWAY IN PANIC. THE MAN BEGAN PULLING OUT HIS HAIR IN DESPERATION. "WHAT'S THE MATTER?" MY FATHER ASKED, "WOE TO ME THAT I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS" AND MY FATHER ASKED: "PLEASE TELL WHAT WAS DONE TO YOUR SOUL IN THE OTHER WORLD".

## **THE PUNISHMENT FOR NOT KEEPING THE TORAH**

THE WEALTHY MAN ANSWERED: "AS SOON AS MY SOUL LEFT THE BODY, A GREAT DESTRUCTIVE ANGEL CAME TO ME WITH A BIG CONTAINER FULL OF TAR AND SULPHUR AND HE WENT AHEAD AND PUT MY SOUL INSIDE IT AND FROM THERE I COULDN'T GET OUT. THEN ANOTHER ANGEL FROM THE HEAVENLY TRIBUNAL CAME AND TOOK THE CONTAINER IN FRONT OF THE COURT OF HE WHO FORMS ALL SPIRITS. A CELESTIAL VOICE CAME OUT OF THE COURT AND ASKED ME: "DID YOU STUDY THE SCRIPTURES?" TO WHICH I REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. IMMEDIATELY THE ORDER WAS GIVEN TO BRING A TORAH IN FRONT OF ME AND THEN I WAS ORDERED TO READ FROM IT. AS SOON AS I LOOKED INSIDE THE BOOK I READ THE VERSE (LEVITICUS 19:27) "YOU SHALL NOT ROUND THE CORNERS OF YOUR HEADS, NOR SHALL YOU MAR THE CORNERS OF YOUR BEARD". AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO ANSWER. SUDDENLY I HEARD A VOICE SAYING: "TAKE HIS SOUL TO THE LOWEST LEVELS OF GEHINOMM"

## **ADDITIONAL SINS OF THE ONE WHO SHAVES WITH A RAZOR**

SEE, THEN MY BROTHERS THE PUNISHMENT THAT AWAITS HE WHO SHAVES WITH A RAZOR.

AND THE PROBLEMS DON'T STOP HERE BECAUSE COMMONLY, THOSE WHO SHAVE WITH A RAZOR, DUE TO THE IMPURITY THEIR SINS PRODUCE, ALSO TRANSGRESS TWO OTHER PROHIBITIONS FROM THE TORAH WHEN THEY SHAVE OFF THE HAIR COVERING THE TEMPORAL BONES ON THE SIDE OF THEIR FACES NEXT TO THE EARS. SO ALTOGETHER THE PERSON TRANSGRESSES SEVEN NEGATIVE COMMANDMENTS EVERY TIME HE SHAVES. THEN: WHO IS THE PERSON WHO WOULD FOR IMAGINARY HONOR AND DISTINCTION WOULD BE

**WILLING TO EXPOSE HIS LIFE AND SOUL TO THE PUNISHMENT GIVEN FOR THE DAILY TRANSGRESSION OF SEVEN COMMANDMENTS OF THE TORAH?**

**FOR EVERY NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT TRANSGRESSED, THE PRESCRIBED PUNISHMENT GIVEN BY THE BET DIN (RELIGIOUS TRIBUNAL) IS 39 LASHES. SO FOR 7 COMMANDMENTS TRANSGRESSED THE PUNISHMENT IS 273 LASHES. SINCE NOWADAYS, THE BET DIN HAS NO POWER TO CARRY OUT THE LASHES, THESE WILL BE GIVEN TO A PERSON IN ONE OF TWO WAYS: OR AFTER DEATH, OR DURING HIS LIFETIME THROUGH A PAINFUL EVENT WHICH IS A WAY OF BEING PUNISHED.**

## **EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO COURT OF LAW G-D GIVES THE PERSON THE PUNISHMENT A COURT WOULD HAVE APPLIED FOR HIS FAULT**

**FOR WE HAVE ONE GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT OUR SAGES TEACH: EVEN THOUGH NOWADAYS THE COURTS (SANHEDRIN) THAT WOULD IMPOSE THE FOUR CAPITAL PUNISHMENTS FOR THE DIFFERENT TRANSGRESSIONS DO NOT FUNCTION, NEVERTHELESS, THE PERSON RECEIVES HIS PUNISHMENT. HOW DOES THIS WORK? IF SOMEONE SINNED IN A WAY THAT DESERVED BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH BY STONING, THEN NOWADAYS, THAT PERSON FALLS FROM A ROOF OR A WILD BEAST KILLS HIM (AND AUTOS NOWADAYS ARE EQUIVALENT TO WILD BEASTS), IF ANOTHER DESERVES DEATH BY STRANGULATION, THEN HE DROWNS IN A RIVER OR DIES FROM ASTHMA, ETC.**

## **HE WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN THE WORDS OF THE SAGES IS LEGALLY EQUIVALENT TO A GENTILE**

**AND THE CITED PRINCIPLE SURELY APPLIES TO RECEIVING LASHES. A JEW IS OBLIGATED TO BELIEVE IN THE WORDS OF THE SAGES AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE SHULCHAN ARUCH (YOREH DEAH, SIMAN 1193) AND THEIR WORDS ARE LIKE BURNING COALS AND HE WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN THE WORDS OF THE SAGES IS LEGALLY EQUIVALENT TO A GENTILE AND LET THIS BE ENOUGH FOR A MAN OF UNDERSTANDING.**

**WOE TO THE ONE WHO DARES DISTURB HIS BEARD IN ANY MANNER (ZOHAR HA KADDOSH III, 130B)**