

THE BAAL SHEM TOV REVEALS TO US THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REAL RABBI AND A RABBI THAT BELONGS TO THE EREV RAV:

WHAT DOES YOUR RABBI CARE ABOUT? ABOUT HONOR? PRESTIGE? HAVING A BIGGER BUILDING? TALKING ABOUT MOSHIACH?

ZAAM - ZEVICHA – ERUVIN - MIKVAOT

I heard about the students of the Baal Shem Tov that they were once sitting together and were discussing the things upon which the head and leader of the generation must be most watchful of. Some of the students said that the most important is to supervise the slaughtering of animals (ZEVICHA) that the Shochet will be G-d fearing and all the other details relating to the slaughter as well because G-d forbid, forbidden foods clog the heart and it becomes dull to the light of the Torah. Some of the students said that the most important thing for the leader was to be diligent about the laws of the Eruv (ERUVIN) because the laws of Shabbat are like Mountains that hang on a hair strand (Chagiga 10a) and this prohibition is very grave. And there are some students that said that the most important thing is to supervise the Mikvah (MIKVAOT) that it will be Kosher without any doubt, because when the foundation of the building that is man is G-d forbid built without Kashrut then it will be very difficult for that man to be able to vanquish the evil side, G-d save us. And after this the Master the Baal Shem Tov ZTK'L said: I give testimony that at this precise moment they were arguing in the Yeshiva of the heavens which of these things was the most important and they concluded that all of them were and as a sign of these three things there is the verse (CHABAKUK 3:12) : "BE ZAAM TITZAD ARETZ BE AF TADUSH GOYYIM" "You marched through the land in indignation, you threshed the nations in anger". And the word ZAAM has the first letters of the words ZEVICHA ERUVIN MIKVAOT. And all these are the foundation of the world.

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DOES YOUR RABBI CHECK THE KASHRUT OF THE MIKVAH? DOES HE CHECK WHERE THE FOOD THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY EAT COMES FROM? IF IT IS REALLY KOSHER OR NOT? DOES HE CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE KEEPING SHABBAT?

USE THE TEACHINGS OF THE BAAL SHEM TOV TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE EVIL LEADERS OF THE EREV RAV