

THE WORLD IS SUSTAINED IN THE MERIT OF CHILDREN AND IS DAMAGED BECAUSE OF THE EREV RAV

And you must know that the world is sustained in the merit of the breath of the children, and this is because sometimes the Torah is weakened and sometimes it is strengthened, it is weakened through the transgressions of man, and in particular because of the EREV RAV that exist within the Jews, as they have said in the Tikkunim, and therefore the Holy One Blessed be He makes a vessel to contain the Torah that comes from the breath that has no sin [The breath of children] and through it the Torah is strengthened.

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THE EVIL INCLINATION CONCENTRATES ON THE LEADERS OF OUR NATION

In the holy book Toldot Yakov Joseph (Parshat Nasso) written by Rav Yaakov Joseph of Polnoye, of blessed memory, says that now in the years of the coming of Mashiach the evil inclination concentrates on the leaders and Rabbis and not on each individual, because if the leaders fall into the net of the evil inclination thereby straying from the right path, then they will bring down with them the masses that follow those leaders.

JUST AS THE EREV RAV (THE MIXED MULTITUDE) WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME WHEN THE JEWS LEFT EGYPT, SO IN OUR TIMES MOST OF OUR LEADERS BELONG TO THE SAME CATEGORY

In the book Divrei Chaim in the omissions of Parshas Vayakhel it is written: "Before the coming of the Mashiach most of the Rabbanim will be from the Erev Rav etc. Because Israel in themselves are holy, but the Erev Rav work only for their own benefit as we can clearly see that the Rabbanim and the Chassidim and many regular Jews of the generation are, due to our many sins, mostly from the Erev Rav and want to rule over the public, and all their actions are only for their own sake, to acquire honor and money, and one should therefore only join with those who truly serve, who sacrifice themselves to Hashem not in order to receive any benefit".