

## **THE EREV RAV ARE THE CORRUPT JUDGES OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN EXILE (ZOHAR HA KADDOSH III 124a)**

### **WOE TO THE SAGES OF OUR TIMES**

**Woe to the sages of our times, that they do not make the people return in Teshuvah, and also regarding the Sages of Mitzraim I saw their corruption, for they have no wisdom at all, and they destroy the city through their corrupt judgments (IVUT HA DIN)...the end of the matter, Woe to the Sages of the generation that they have arrogance and conceit and they have no regard for the honor of the Holy One Blessed be He to bring the people in Teshuvah, and you cause great evil upon the world (Sefer ha Chezyonot, Rabbi Chayyim Vital)**

### **DISHONEST RABBIS CAUSE THE FILTH OF NOCTURNAL POLLUTIONS**

**Rabbis and judges who are dishonest and pervert the law cause the filth of nocturnal pollutions. The perversion of the "thrones of judgment" (Psalms 122:5) causes the love that is in the Chariot (the Throne) to fall, and stirs up the beat of impure passion. The remedy for this is "binding the chariot" - a reference to the institution of the Sages that before we go to sleep we should say: "In the name of the Lord G-d of Israel: at my right, Michael; at my left, Gabriel; before me, Uriel and behind me, Rafael, and upon my head, Shechinat-El. (LIKUTE ETZOT BY REBBE NACHMAN MIBRESSLOV)**

**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, ESPECIFICALLY 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**