

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

And the Faithful shepherd (Moshe) said to him (Eliyahu): I conjure you in the name of Hashem, do not delay, because I am in great pain: “And he looked here and there and saw there was no man”, that is, no man that will help me to get out of this pain, in this grave, that is written about me: “And his burial was given to Reshaim”, and they do not recognize me, and I am considered in their eyes, the Erev Rav, evildoers, like a smelly dead dog, for the wisdom of Chachamim will expire among them, in every city and in every place, Israel are spread among them among Kings, and those Erev Rav are made into the Shepherds of Israel the herd of ha Kaddosh Baruch Hu, as it is written: “And I will give my herd that I have tended ADAM to be with them”, and they have no power to do any good to the Talmide Chachamim. And the men of worth and the ones who are G-d fearing travel from one place to another and no one shows them mercy, and the Erev Rav disturb them in every place they go and only give them very little, so that these will have no getting up from the fall that they have suffered, not even for a short while, and all these Chachamim and G-d fearing people are in great pain, and suffering and they are considered like dogs, “How those who were decked in gold were after that considered like waste in all the streets that no one wants to receive them” (Eicha). And they are the Erev Rav, they are the rich men living in happiness and contentment without suffering nor pain, thieves and full of bribes, that they are the judges, the leaders of the people, about whom it is written: “And the land was filled with violence because of them”, on them it is written: “Their enemies became their heads”, and I conjure you a second time in the name of Hashem Tzevakot Eloke Israel Yoshev ha Keruvim, that all these things will not be missing from your mouth to talk about them in front of Ha Kaddosh Baruch Hu, and to tell him about their suffering. Zohar ha Kaddosh III Parashat Nasso Raaya Mehemna 124<sup>a</sup>

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