



Curer of All Humanity

Yom Kippur Special

Leilui Neshmas Meira Chaya Nechama Bracha A"H

Bat David Mordechai V'Zelda Shaindel Sheychu

In one of the days, the students of the Baal Shem Tov saw a fancy carriage parked near the Beis Midrash.

It was an emissary from the duchess, who asked that the Baal Shem Tov visit her, as she is severely ill.

When arriving at the estate, the Baal Shem Tov met a doctor who was preparing a remedy for the duchess.

"Do you know medicine?" he asked. "I do," the Baal Shem Tov replied.

"Where did you learn?" the man inquired, to which the Baal Shem Tov replied that "G-d taught him."

"Can you check a pulse?" the doctor challenged him.

The Baal Shem Tov offered him a deal – they would check each other's pulse and point out their faults.

The doctor announced that the Baal Shem Tov had an undefined problem.

The Baal Shem Tov then began to check the doctor's pulse, while asking the duchess if important things were stolen from her lately.

Yes, she said, family heirlooms, and the loss is causing her great distress.

The Baal Shem Tov told the duchess to send messengers to the doctor's home, where she would find her lost treasures.

The duchess was grateful, and thanked G-d for the revelation.

The Baal Shem Tov's students explained that every physical ailment is a symptom of a spiritual illness, an external sign for an internal problem.

A healing doctor is one who can teach people to mend their ways and sanctify G-d's name.

We are currently in a situation that is not simple or easy at all. It has been more than half a year since the terrible virus traveled the world and made a name for itself, and it is our duty to protect and preserve our souls and those of our loved ones and relatives.

This complex situation causes the flow of life to stop and the route to be recalculated. Each one makes his own personal account together with the general account of the whole nation, which we are conducting these days, before the King of Justice.

A Midrash tells us that when the people of Israel entered the Land of Israel, the Blessed One sent the wasp ahead of them to pave the way and strike the Amorites.

Our Rabbis said teach us that G-d sent a wasp, a small creature to get rid of them, to let you know that the Amorites were not really as heroic as they perceived themselves.

When the world becomes proud and feels safe and protected, with tremendous technological power, armies and forces, planes and computers, and humanity forgets who created all these and who did and will do - then G-d- takes the trouble to remind them that they were not the ones to achieve this.

Confronting the G5 and all the inventions of the world of the year 2020, G-d brings a "light creature", an invisible virus, and with it stops the world, closes the sky and isolates humanity.

The Midrash hints to our days, the days of the Moshiach, during which G-d will collect his debts from the nations through "light things."

This is exactly what we are seeing today, "light things" that have stopped all the heavy things and the greatest and most sophisticated tools that exist on earth today.

G-d has sent us the virus for one reason, to remind the proud inhabitants of the world that there is a Creator for the world, an owner.

This is the purpose of Rosh Hashanah: "recite before Me *Malchuyos*, that I may reign over you" - prefer the kingdom of heaven over the kingdom of earth, prefer spirituality over materialism, prefer the light of G-d over all technology.

As believing Jews we know that after darkness comes a great light, and after the hard days come better days than these. Let us be strengthened and filled with faith in G-d, and thus we will be successful during this time with the help of G-d.

We all pray and hope that the virus will stop at once - is G-d not capable of doing so? It depends solely on us.

When we declare G-d's kingship over us and cry out in a loud voice "The King," and we all admit that He alone "is the maker of kings and to him belongs kingship", then we will have a good and blessed year, a quiet and peaceful year, a year in which we will rejoice together as before, face to face, hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder, a year in which we will hear the sound of the trumpet of the Messianic King coming to announce our eternal redemption.