

Lesson delivered on Sunday Torah Portion Tazria Metzora

“And Aaron was quite;” I don't know if everyone has an earlobe. Does everyone have an earlobe? Let everyone have an earlobe; I want to see everyone with an earlobe. And then the [right] earlobe is sprinkled upon; as well as the right thumb. These [touching Yaakov's right earlobe and right thumb] are the two signs that (Rachel told Yaakov) [Yaakov told Rachel]. And then she told Leah the two signs in order for her [Leah] to marry Yaakov. Yitzick, the warden told me that Rachel didn't say that she received [the signs from Yaakov]. [Rather,] she said that there are signs; there is general information. Information for brides. The bride guides relay these signs. All of the bride guides tell this to each bride. They [the brides] need to know to touch the earlobe [of the right ear], to touch the thumb [of the right] hand, and the thumb of the right leg. This is the entire [Torah Portion] of Tazria.

The entire [Torah Portion] of Tazria is about the verse, “And on the eighth day, the flesh of his uncircumcised skin should be circumcised (Vayikra 12:3).” Since there is the uncircumcised skin of the ear; there is the uncircumcised skin of the heart. A person must circumcise the uncircumcised skin of the heart; the uncircumcised skin of the ear.¹ It is forbidden to sleep at night; it is forbidden to sleep.² Yesterday, we finished at nine. Until five in the morning, it is forbidden to sleep. Afterwards, there is the mikveh, song, dancing, and *Chatzos* (Jewish Midnights). And all of this is 24 hours; for 24 hours, it is forbidden for him to sleep. There is no reason to sleep. Today we won't go to sleep at all; I don't know what it means to sleep. There is no such idea; there is no such idea that people should be left sleeping at all.

The first thing [before the coming of Mashiach] is the blowing of the shofar.³ And immediately afterwards, it is written that on the fourteenth of Sivan, the redemption will already be. And on [the month of] Cheshvan, will be the [war of] Gog and Magog. All of this is in the Zohar [Torah Portion] Balak; one should learn every day the Zohar on [Torah Portion] Balak. On the fourteenth of Sivan will be the redemption; at 3:30 [pm]. This is considered nine and a half hours [from sunrise]. And the doe, [which is a sign of the redemption] will be seen. This is the [meaning of] “To the leader, upon the doe of dawn.” A person must say the song [in Psalms] 22; “I call to You at night and I have no respite...⁴ They divide my clothes among themselves, casting lots for my garments. But You, O' Lord, do not distance Yourself from me; [my strength, hasten to my aid].” That G-d should not distance Himself from us. The entire idea is that Cheftizibah ascends. Cheftizibah ascends to Mount Nevo; to the peek and blows a teruah, tekiah, and a teruah.⁵

¹ Uncircumcised skin represents the evil shell that prevents a person from attaining holiness. The uncircumcised skin of the heart represents a person's inability to have pure emotions. The uncircumcised skin of the ear represents one's inability to hear and comprehend holy words.

² During the nighttime, evil powers reign. When one sleeps, especially at night, he loses his awareness and is subject to the evil power's influence. Through being awake at night, one overcomes the evil powers and reveals the uncircumcised skin.

³ Perhaps, this is relevant to not sleeping at night since the shofar represents awareness. It is written about the shofar; “awaken O' sleepy ones from your sleep.”

⁴ Perhaps alluding to being awake and calling to G-d at night.

⁵ Perhaps, through calling to G-d at night, we merit to hear the shofar blowing of the redemption. This is G-d's not distancing Himself from us and hastening to our aid.