

Waiting for Moshiach

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תהלים ה:ד
יקוק בקר פשמע קולי בקר אערך לוך ואצפה:

Psalms 5:4

Hear my voice, O LORD, at daybreak; at daybreak I plead before You, and wait.

Berakhot 6b

Rabbi Yoḥanan said: One must be vigilant **with regard to the evening prayer as well, as it is stated: “Let my prayer come forth as incense before You, the lifting of my hands as the evening offering”** (Psalms 141:2).

Rav Nahman bar Yitzḥak said: One must be vigilant **with regard to the morning prayer as well, as it is stated: “Lord, in the morning You shall hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer unto You and will look forward”** (Psalms 5:4).

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I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and, though he tarry, I will anticipate daily his coming.

Shabbat 31a

Rava said: After departing from this world, **when a person is brought to judgment** for the life he lived in this world, **they say to him** in the order of that verse... **Did you await salvation?**

Mishneh Torah, Kings and Wars 11:1

(1) Anyone who does not believe in him or one who does not anticipate his coming not only denies the Prophets, but also the Torah and Moses our Teacher.

The Chofetz Chayim had a special morning coat that he planned to wear to greet *Moshiach* and from time to time he put it on and sit in anticipation.[1] Therefore, a person should designate some type of article of clothing – i.e. suit, shirt, hat, belt or shoes etc., that he/ she has designated to wear when *Moshiach* reveals himself. As the *Sefer HaChinuch*[2] says, “A person is fashioned by his deeds.”

[1] *The Chafetz Chaim* volume 2 by Rabbi Moses M. Yoshor, pages 621 – 622.

[2] *Shemos, mitzvah #16* “משרשי המזווה”.

The Steipler Gaon's longing for Mashiach was extraordinary... once, the Steipler received a new kapote (Rabbinical coat) and he decided to put it aside to wear when Mashiach comes. And so it sat in his closet for many years. After the Steipler passed away, his family members removed the kapote from the closet and saw that it had nearly disintegrated from age” (*Rav Chaim Kanievsky On The Three Weeks* by Rabbi Avraham Yeshayahu Shteinman, pages 232-233)

On Wednesday, Mrs. Leah Rubashkin got a call that her husband summoned to the warden's office. She got into the car and headed off to Otisville. She arrived with a change of clothing for her husband, but the guard said no, he couldn't change on the premises – one last display of power on the part of the warden's office. I wondered how she'd had the presence of mind to grab a change of clothing after having received the most exhilarating phone call of her life.

"I didn't," Mrs. Rubashkin answered. "I've been driving around with that change of clothing in my car for eight years."[1] Mrs. Leah Rubashkin is the epitome of the Chofeitz Chayim!

[1] *Mishpacha Jewish Family Weekly*, Issue 691, December 27, 2017, *Never Shackled* by Yisroel Besser, page 64.

"Someone once asked Rav Chaim, 'What is the best way for us to prepare for the coming of Mashiach?' He answered, 'Learn Torah. That is the only true way to prepare for Mashiach.' More specifically, added Rav Chaim, we should learn the laws that will apply when Mashiach comes; studying this subject will instill in us a longing for Mashiach to come so that we can not only study these laws but carry them out as well" (*Rav Chaim Kanievsky On The Three Weeks* by Rabbi Avraham Yeshayahu Shteinman, pages 225-226

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(1) At the end of days, He will send our anointed, to redeem those who wait for the end [when] His salvation [takes place].

Rashi on Exodus 10:22:2

(2) — there was darkness of gloom when no man saw another during those three days, and there was moreover another period of three days' darkness twice as thick as this when no man rose from his place: one who happened to be sitting when this second period of darkness began was unable to rise, and one who was then standing was unable to sit down. And why did He bring darkness upon them? Because there were wicked people amongst the Israelites of that generation who had no desire to leave Egypt, and these died during the three days of darkness so that the Egyptians might not see their destruction and say, "These, (the Israelites) too have been stricken as we have" (cf. Midrash Tanchuma, Bo 1; Exodus Rabbah 14:3).

Psalm 92:3

To proclaim Your steadfast love at daybreak, Your faithfulness each night

מגן אברהם א':ד'

המשכימים. המקובלים הארכו בענין תפלה החות וברקנתי פ' בראשית כ' ח"ל וו"א זמן בקשת רחמים והוא סוף הליל" ואני
אכריע כי בחצות ראי לבקש רחמים על כ"י ועל בניה כו' ובסוף הלילה יבקש צרכיו ובקשה זו צריכה בנספלה אפיקים ע"כ
ועסוי קל"א ס"ב ובגמרה דילן לתי' הראשון דנתן סימן לאמצערית דאמצעיתא והיינו החות משמע דעת רצון הוא ולתי' השני
לא משמעו כן ועיין בזוהר ויקהיל ע' שם"ב לדלעומן חשבין הלילה לי"ב שעוטה הון בחרף אף על גב דלענן תפלה
אינו כן כמ"ש סי' רל"ג וכ"כ שערץ ציון:

Magen Avraham 1:4

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