

הַלְכָה of the Week

~ Preparing for תְּפִילָה (2) ~

Preparing oneself for prayer includes dressing in a respectable way. One should wear the type of clothing that people wear when they go to meet an important person. One who usually wears a hat when going out should wear one when praying. Even when one prays at home he should be dressed appropriately.

This is the way to prepare to stand before the King of the universe and to help yourself realise the importance of prayer.

It is praiseworthy to give to צְדָקָה before praying.

Can you think of a reason why?

פְּרָקִי אָבוֹת of the Week

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י"ג אָמַר לָהֶם, צְאוּ וּרְאוּ אִיזוֹהִי דַרְךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁיִּדְבַק בָּהּ הָאָדָם. רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר אָמַר, עֵין טוֹבָה. רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אָמַר, חֵבֵר טוֹב. רַבִּי יוֹסִי אָמַר, שְׂכֵן טוֹב. רַבִּי שְׁמַעוֹן אָמַר, הַרוֹאֵה אֶת הַנּוֹלֵד. רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר אָמַר, לֵב טוֹב. אָמַר לָהֶם, רוֹאֵה אֲנִי אֶת דְּבָרֵי אֱלִיעֶזֶר בֶּן עֶרְוֶה מִדְּבָרֵיכֶם, שֶׁבְּכֹל דְּבָרָיו דְּבָרֵיכֶם.

He (Rabban Yochanan Ben Zakkai) said to them (his students):

“Go out and see if you can discover what is the good path on which a person should remain.”

Rabbi Eliezer says, “A good eye.”

Rabbi Yehoshua says, “A good friend.”

Rabbi Yose says, “A good neighbour.”

Rabbi Shimon says, “A person who foresees (and thinks about) the consequences of his actions.”

Rabbi Elazar says, “A good heart.”

He (Rabban Yochanan Ben Zakkai) said to them (his students):

“I prefer the words of Elazar Ben Arach (that is, “a good heart”) to your words, for your words are included in his words.”

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