

AVODAH CORONA TIME

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The Rav said that during corona our *avodah* is to be alone with ourselves. Is this also true for the approaching days of *Yomim Noraim*? Should we remain quarantined or should we go back to life as usual, to invite our family and guests for meals (while keeping to the precautions of course)?

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On the external level the *avodah* during the corona period is to have “social distancing” from others- keeping away from the space of others. On the internal level, it is to have your own inner world within. That was the revelation of this period, which is preparing us for the *Geulah*, may it come speedily, Amen. Therefore, the main direction to take during *Yomim Noraim* is not to host guests, but for one to build his own inner world. We need to recognize and internalize that HaKadosh Baruch Hu is asking of us to change our direction, to change our thinking. He doesn't want the social life that weighs upon us so much. He doesn't want telephones, cellphones, sending e-mails, and all of the daily interactions every second that people have with each other. He wants instead that each person should build his own inner world. The external aspect of this is to keep a social distance from others, but of course this should be done sensibly and not in an insulting way towards others. That is our *avodah* for the coming year, may it come upon us for good: Internally, for each person to build an inner world for himself, and externally, for one to maintain a distance from the space of others [by not communicating with them so much]. This is something internal and true, and this is what Hashem wants and is begging, from this generation. This particular path, and the period which we have now entered, is the path that is leading towards the illumination of the “*Yechidah*” part of the soul, and it will be completed with the illumination of Mashiach's actual arrival.



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