

We're now in the month of תמוז, with שבעה עשר בתמוז rapidly approaching. The Arizal teaches us that each of the months of the year corresponds to one of the organs of the head. תמוז corresponds to the right eye, and אב to the left eye. In regards to this, ירמיהו הנביא says in Eicha: עֵינִי עֵינִי יִרְדָּה מַיִם - My eye, my eye [referring to both eyes] is running water, meaning, we are crying, shedding tears. Our job is to dry those tears. We do that by keeping our eyes pure. When we insist on maintaining תורה standards, we lift these months from their fallen status and we're able to elevate them to קדושה.

Our job is to make sure that we treat our eyes to the best way possibly can, medically, physically, and spiritually. Every person has a particular point in his life for which he prepares and which his future depends on. And the same thing is true for the history of the world. That pivotal event is the coming of משיח. The עקבתא דמשיחא, which we are now in, is the challenge of our time. The two מרגלים who succeeded in overcoming the challenges of תמוז ending up becoming the root of mashiach: משיח בן יוסף comes from יהושע, and משיח בן דוד comes from דוד. We can also bring משיח by overcoming the challenges of תמוז and of אב. Learning תורה now is critical. Raising our standards, as we said, is critical. These efforts will enable us to bring נשמות into the world which will be the greatest נשמות of all time. As we say every day in davening, וְתַחֲזִיקֵנָה עֵינֵינוּ בְּשׁוּבָהּ לְצִיּוֹן בְּרַחֲמִים, Be'ezras Hashem, we should be זוכה that these months will turn into months of שמחה, and we will be זוכה to see it בימינו.

