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Parshas Eikev

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דברים י"א, כ'

And you shall write it on the doorposts of your home, and in your gates

(Devarim 11:20)

It is customary to inscribe the Holy Name "Shakai" on the outside of a mezuzah. Chazal teach that the meaning of the name Shakai is "*she'amar la'olam 'dai*". He told the world, 'Enough!'"

At the time of Creation, when Hakadosh Baruch Hu was fashioning every facet of the universe, the world was in a constant state of expansion until Hashem commanded it to halt.

To understand why this was necessary, we must consider the ultimate purpose of

Creation: Hashem created the universe for man to reveal *metzius Hashem* - the Existence of Hashem within the corporeal, material world in which we live. During those initial hours of Creation, when the world was in a trend of constant expansion, Hakadosh Baruch Hu saw that if the world would continue to expand any further, physical substance would become so dominant that it would be impossible to reveal the *kedushah* within it anymore. At the precise moment before this could happen, Hakadosh Baruch Hu commanded the universe, "*Dai!*"



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Stop!” putting an immediate end to its expansion.

This carries a profound message for each and every one of us. When a Yid is *zocheh* to establish a home—a domain that is entirely his own—he must ensure that it is a place where the Presence of Hashem is manifest to all. A Jewish home should be a resting place for the Shechinah, never a place that invites the base desires of *Olam Haze*h to penetrate.

The Rambam states that when a person passes a *mezuzah* which contains the *parshah* of *Krias Shema*, he must reflect on *Yichud Hashem* and remind himself that the primary purpose of life and the Creation itself is to serve Hashem Yisbarach.

This is why we write the Name Shakai on the outside of a *mezuzah*. Hashem commanded the

universe to halt its expansion so we—mere mortals—would be able to reveal His Presence in this world. Moreover, just as Hakadosh Baruch Hu told the world “Enough!” we too must say “Enough!” to the endless temptations, distractions and material desires surrounding us. We must set clear boundaries, refusing to let those influences cross our threshold.

By placing this reminder on our doors, we declare that our homes are dedicated to welcoming the *Shechinah* and raising *doros yesharim* who toil in Torah and *mitzvos* with genuine love and joy.

Takeaway: We affix a *mezuzah* to the outside of our homes to remind ourselves that our home is a place where we set boundaries to prevent the entry of the desires of *Olam Haze*h, creating a pure, precious space where the *Shechinah* can truly reside.

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