



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VA'ETCHANAN: HEAR HERE!

Remember when Dr Tsores discovered emojis?



DR TSORIS' EMOJI EXPLOSION ISN'T THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH MESSAGES! WHEN YOU REPLIED 'FINE' TO ME YESTERDAY, I COULDN'T TELL IF YOU WERE FINE-FINE, FAKE-FINE, OR ABOUT-TO-EXPLODE-FINE!



BUT WHEN I SAW YOU, IT WAS QUITE CLEAR YOU WERE ABOUT-TO-EXPLODE-FINE.



EXPLOSION AVERTED! A MESSAGE GIVES YOU THE WORDS, BUT NOT ALWAYS THE FEELING BEHIND THEM.

EARS PICK UP SUBTLE FEELINGS. WHEN YOU SPEAK TO SOMEONE, YOU HEAR THEIR VOICE, TONE, PAUSES AND MOOD. YOU UNDERSTAND MUCH MORE - EMOTION DETECTOR ACTIVATED!



LIGHT TRAVELS FASTER THAN SOUND! HEARING TAKES TIME. YOU CAN'T APPRECIATE A SONG FROM ONE SECOND OF MUSIC, AND YOU CAN'T GRASP A PHONE CALL FROM ONE RANDOM WORD. YOU NEED TO HEAR THE WHOLE THING.

WE COVER OUR EYES WHEN WE SAY THE FIRST LINE OF THE **SHEMA** - EVER WONDERED WHY? IN THIS WEEK'S **PARASHA** WE READ THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE **SHEMA** WHICH BEGINS WITH THE WORDS '**SHEMA YISRAEL**', '**LISTEN, O ISRAEL**.' IT DOESN'T SAY, '**LOOK, O ISRAEL**.'



RABBI KOVAL EXPLAINS THAT THIS IS LIKE UNDERSTANDING **GOD** IN OUR LIVES. WE DON'T ALWAYS SEE **GOD** CLEARLY IN ONE MOMENT, JUST LIKE ONE SHORT **WHATSAPP** MAY NOT GIVE THE FULL PICTURE.



BUT WHEN WE LISTEN TO THE WHOLE STORY OF OUR LIVES, THE **JEWISH PEOPLE**, AND THE WORLD, WE CAN START TO NOTICE HOW **GOD** IS GUIDING EVERYTHING. IT'S THE BACKGROUND MUSIC.



THE **SHEMA** SHOWS US: DON'T JUST GLANCE AT THE MESSAGE, LISTEN FOR THE MEANING.

THAT'S ONE REASON WHY WE COVER OUR EYES FOR THE FIRST LINE OF THE **SHEMA**. WE STOP LOOKING FOR A MOMENT AND TRY TO LISTEN MORE DEEPLY. TUNE IN WITH YOUR EARS AND YOUR HEART FOR THE FULL **SHEMA** EXPERIENCE. HEAR HERE!



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