

Torah Gimmel

Snapshot:

Studying Gemara at night counteracts the negative effects of impure music, helping a person steer clear of a powerful influence that seeks to magnify the ego, intensify a desire for self-gratification, and encourage a person to experience only the shallow and mindless externalities of life.

Overview:

Hearing music produced by a person who is disconnected from Moshiach consciousness can be damaging, just as hearing music from a tzaddik can be beneficial. This detrimental energy culminates at midnight and can be counteracted by a person studying Gemara with the proper intentions or at night, when, even if he is studying for ulterior motives, he will be protected by a ray of Kindness that is drawn upon him. When a person attains a degree of influence due to the solidification of his worldview, he must be careful to use his words only to encourage and build, never to destroy.

Data points:

- Impure music is connected to lashon hara – seeing the negative in oneself, others, and the world, while pure music is connected to the opposite of lashon hara – seeing the positive in others, oneself, and the world.
- This consciousness of holy music is bound up with the concept of prophecy.
- Moshiach energy is reflected in musicians who use their music to communicate holy messages and ideas.

Geulah Value:

The energy of redemption is channeled in musicians who use their holy and “prophetic” music as a vehicle to express Yaakov Avinu consciousness.

Practical Takeaway:

To listen to music from holy sources.

To study Gemara at night.

Cumulative Drip:

Hearing music from holy musicians can aid in this endeavor, while music from unholy

sources – “Eisav People” who deny Hashem’s Presence – can cause a person to fall into the consciousness of lashon hara; seeing only the negative in oneself, others, and the world at large and experiencing this world as a mindless and meaningless realm (Malchus d’Sitra Achara). This kind of music culminates at midnight and is counteracted by the study of Gemara at that special time, when one is protected from the potential harm of studying Torah for ulterior motives.