Shnayim Mikrah #2

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Halachos of Being *Mafsik* (Interruption)

- **Ba'er Heitev** (*Kitzur Shulchan Aruch*, *Eliyah Rabbah*, *Mishnah Berurah also brings it*), A person should try not to be *mafsik* while doing *ma'avir sedrah / Shnayim Mikra*, unless it is a *sha'as hadchak* (extreme emergency).
- **Aruch HaShulchan:** Questions the problem with stopping, noting no *bracha* was made stipulating not to interrupt. Just like regular *limmud HaTorah* you shouldn't stop in the middle. He is much more *makil*.
- **Mishnah Berurah:** Writes it is very good not to be *mafsik*.

Learning *Mikra* at Night

- **Source:** *Ba'er Heitev* quotes the Arizal: HaKadosh Baruch Hu taught Moshe Rabbeinu *Mikra* by day and *Mishnah* by night (also cited by *Or HaChaim Hakadosh* in *Parshas Ha'azinu*).
- **Halacha:** *Sha'ar HaTziyun* (238:1) writes one should not learn *Mikra* at night. However, the *Pri Megadim* implies it is not a strict *issur*, which is how the *Mishnah Berurah* rules *lema'aseh*. It is a *lechatchilah* preference, not a prohibition.
- **Reason:** *Likutey Maharich* explains *Torah Shebiksav* is *din*, while *Torah Sheba'al Peh* is *chesed*. Night is a time of *din*, so we learn *Torah Sheba'al Peh* to sweeten the *din*.
- **Midas Chasidus:** *Maharsham* (Chelek 1 Siman 158) notes it is only a *midas chasidus*.
- **Practical Ruling (Rav Scheinberg Zatzal):** When asked about learning Chumash late at night, Rav Scheinberg zt"l ruled 100% that you can learn Chumash if you otherwise would not be learning.

Perspective and the Story of Mashiach

- **Story:** Rebbe Yehoshua ben Levi asked Mashiach when he was coming, and Mashiach replied, "Today." When the day passed without arrival, Eliyahu HaNavi explained: Mashiach meant he is ready, but "you have to listen to his voice"—bringing him depends on our actions today.
  Takeaway: Just like the overwhelming scope of a whole *parashah* or Torah, breaking undertakings down into manageable daily pieces brings *siyata d'shmaya* to finish the Torah, become a *baki*, and bring the redemption.