

Our Purpose in This World

All too often, we forget our real purpose on this earth. *Horav* Schwab cites an anecdote from the *Chafetz Chaim* which clearly communicates our mission in this world. A Jew once came to visit the *Chafetz Chaim* and was surprised by the overwhelming poverty in the house. He asked the *Chafetz Chaim*, "Pardon me if I am presumptuous, but where is your furniture?" The *Chafetz Chaim* responded by questioning the visitor, "And where is your furniture?" "I," responded the guest, "am only a visitor here." The *Chafetz Chaim* retorted, "So too am I only a visitor on this world. Therefore I do not concern myself with setting up more than temporary accommodations." We must all remember that we are on this world only with "visitor" status, as we await that clarion call of the *shofar* which will sound our final redemption.