

אני לדודי ודודי לי

Last week we explained, based upon the *Medrash* on the *pasuk* in *Shir HaShirim* (4:9): “*You have captivated My heart My sister, [My] bride; you have captivated My heart with one of your eyes, with one link of your necklaces,*” that every person has two “hearts” i.e. sources of emotion. Even when one rebels against Hashem in the worst of ways, this is only an expression of one of his two hearts, that is, the *yetzer harah*. However, he continues to have a completely different heart, the *yetzer tov*, which remains with an unfathomable craving and total dedication to Hashem, regarding which Hashem says: *You have **captivated** My heart... with one of your eyes...*

Based upon the above we can understand the seemingly incomprehensible words of the *Targum* on this very *pasuk*:

You have captivated My heart—*it is established upon the walls of my heart my love for you*—**My sister, [My] bride**—*the congregation of Israel whom are compared to a modest bride*—**with one of your eyes**—*it is established upon the walls of my heart my love for the smallest among you who is righteous as one of the heads of the Sanhedrin*—**with one link of your necklaces**—*and like one of the kings of the house of Yehuda upon whom the royal crown was placed upon his neck.*

How can the smallest Jew be considered as righteous as *one of the heads of the Sanhedrin* or as *one of the kings of the house of Yehuda*?

Because although he may sin greatly, he does so with only one heart, however, his other heart, reflecting his true inner self, remains completely dedicated and yearning for Hashem on the level of *one of the heads of the Sanhedrin and like one of the kings of the house of Yehuda upon whom the royal crown was placed upon his neck!*

