

## **GEULAH THROUGH GOLUS**

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## PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

"Of what use are your many sacrifices to Me?" says the L-rd....
"My soul hates them. They are a burden to Me.... Furthermore, when you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you. Even when you pray at length, I do not hear, for your hands are full of blood.... Learn, instead, to do good, seek justice, strengthen the robbed, perform justice for the orphan, plead the case of the widow. Come now; let us compare," says the L-rd. "If you do this, even if your sins prove to be like crimson, they will become white as snow...."

(Yishayah 1:11-18)

The purpose of the Temple is to help us draw closer to G-d and His ways. The essence of G-d's ways is kindness, mercy, justice, and charity. One of the reasons that G-d took away the Temple and its laws is so that we would have no choice but to focus our divine service on acts of love and kindness.

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