

An aerial night view of New York City, showing the dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers and city lights. The Hudson River is visible in the lower left, and the East River is in the lower right. The city is illuminated with a mix of warm yellow and cool blue lights. In the upper left corner, a digital clock displays '10:04' in a white, pixelated font. The overall atmosphere is dark and dramatic, with some clouds visible in the sky.

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The Hassidim tell a story about the world to come that says everything there will be just as it is here. Just as our room is now, so it will be in the world to come; where our baby sleeps now, there too it will sleep in the other world. And the clothes we wear in this world, those too we will wear there. Everything will be as it is now, just a little different.